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Date of Sailing. 1904 Saturday, 2 P.M.	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with.	Tons.
8th Oct.	CALEDONIA	7558	HIMALAYA	6398
15th "	PERSIA	7951		
22nd "	ARCADIA	6903	INDIA	7911
29th "	ARABIA	7903		
5th Nov.	CALEDONIA	7558	BRITANNIA	6525
12th "	MONGOLIA	9505		
19th "	ARCADIA	6903	OCEANA	6610
26th "	EGYPT	7912		
3rd Dec	CALEDONIA	7558	MACEDONIA	10512
10th "	MARMORA	10576		
17th "	ARCADIA	6903	CHINA	7912
24th "	PERSIA	7951		
31st "	CALEDONIA	7558	MOLDAVIA	6000
1905.				
7th Jan.	ARABIA	7903		
14th "	PENINSULAR	6994	VICTORIA	6522
21st "	NUBIA	5014		
28th "	CALEDONIA	7558	HIMALAYA	6898

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W. C. SYMES,
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Bombay, 1st September, 1904.

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on THURSDAY.
NERA	5,876	Chevallier	6th Oct. 1904.
CALEDONIEN	4,248	Gregorj	3rd Nov. 1904.
DUMBEA	5,807	Charbonnel	1st Dec. 1904.

INTERCHANGEABLE TICKETS WITH THE AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S S. N. Co.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on
IMPERATRIX G.	Ghezzo	4,194	1st Nov. 1904.
IMPERATOR	F. Mosca	4,119	1st Dec. 1904.
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IMPERATOR	F. Mosca	4,119	1st Feb. 1904.

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TRIESTE OR VENICE	Rs. 600	Rs. 325	Rs. 150

Takes Passengers to East African ports with transhipment at Aden.

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†NIPPON	D. Iomic	6,317	8th Oct. 1904
†AUSTRIA	R. Colledani	7,587	8th Nov. 1904
† TRIESTE	D. Mistrorigo	5,095	8th Dec. 1904
*† MARIA VALERIE	P. Berberovich	4,247	22nd Dec. 1904

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GISELA	G. Damianovich	4,260	27th Oct. 1904

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S. S. "LINDULA," 3,300 tons, on or about 18th October.

FOR COAST PORTS AND CALCUTTA

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Bombay, 5th October, 1904.

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SCINDIA	S. Arey	3,253	19th	"
BRITANNIA	J. Main	4,970	3rd	Nov. "
MASSILIA	J. Thomson	3,259	12th	"

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ON and from 8th OCTOBER, 1904, FIRST and SECOND CLASS COUPON TICKETS at REDUCED FARES, will be issued between BOMBAY and NERAL and LONAVLA, available up to the 15th June, 1905.

2. For full particulars see Poster Notice exhibited a Stations.

H. C. RADFORD,
for General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, the 4th October, 1904.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay, up to 1 P. M. on TUESDAY, the 18th day of October, 1904, for WIDENING of MAYO ROAD and making a NEW STREET on the Wodehouse Road Estate.

2. Form of Contract, Specification, &c., may, on payment of Rs. 2, be obtained from the Undersigned, who will, on application, give any further information that may be required.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of Rupees Fifty to be paid to the Engineer of the Board in cash, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of Tender or of refusal to sign the contract.

4. The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order of the Board,
H. V. R. KEMBALL, C.E.,
Trust Engineer.

Trust Engineer's Office, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, 3rd October, 1904.

ROYAL ALFRED SAILORS' HOME, BOMBAY.

APPLICANTS for the POST of RESIDENT SUPERINTENDENT of the above Institution, are informed that the appointment has been FILLED UP.

F. F. HARDCASTLE,
Honorary Secretary.

THE BOMBAY EXHIBITION.

INTENDING EXHIBITORS are informed that the date for sending in applications has been EXTENDED to 15th October.

D. R. SETNA,
for Chairman,
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KARACHI MUNICIPALITY.

DEBENTURE LOAN.

UNDER the SANCTION of the Government of Bombay given in their Resolution No. 3151, dated 17th September, 1904, the Municipality of Karachi invite Tenders for Karachi Municipal Loan to the extent of (5½) five-and-a-half Lakhs of Rupees only.

2. Debentures will be issued for sums of Rupees Five hundred (500) and will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. payable half-yearly, on the 1st June and 1st December.

3. The loan will be repayable by equal annual instalment of Rs. 18,500, the debentures to be discharged being drawn by lot at an assembly of Municipal Councillors to be held in October in each year.

4. Instalments will be payable either into the Municipal Office or into the Bank of Bombay, Bombay, or Branches, as follows:—

(10) Ten per cent. on application.
(15) Fifteen per cent. on allotment.
(25) Twenty-five per cent. three months from date of allotment.
(50) Fifty per cent six months from date of allotment.

5. Interest will be calculated on the 1st instalment, from date of allotment, and on subsequent instalments from date of payment of such instalments.

6. Any instalment not paid in full, within one month after it becomes due, shall be forfeited, and the allotment will be cancelled.

7. Sealed Tenders superscribed "Tenders for Karachi Municipal Loan" will be received up to 12 o'clock NOON on TUESDAY, the 1st November, 1904, by the Chief Officer, Karachi Municipality, or by the Secretary and Treasurer Bank of Bombay, Bombay, or by the Agents of the said Bank at Karachi, Ahmedabad, Akola, Broach, Bhownuggur, Amraoti, Poona, Sukhur, and Surat.

8 Forms of Tender can be obtained on application to the Bank of Bombay, Bombay, or Branches, or from the Municipal Office, Karachi.

9. The deposits on tenders which have not been accepted will be returned without interest.

10. The right of acceptance of Tenders will be with the Municipal Councillors of the City of Karachi, who do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any Tender.

TAHILRAM KHEMCHAND, C.I.E., B.A., LL.B.,
President,
Karachi Municipality.

Municipal Office, Karachi, 27th September, 1904.

BOMBAY, BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

TENDERS FOR KEROSINE AND COCOANUT OILS, COTTON WASTE, LEATHER GOODS, INDIGENOUS STORES, LOCKS, FILES, SCREWS, &c.

TENDERS are invited and will be received by the Agent, at his office, near Church Gate Railway Station, Bombay upto 3 P. M., on 19th October, 1904, for the SUPPLY of STORES required for the Broad and Metre gauge Sections of the Company's system, for the year 1905, commencing from the 1st January next.

2. Forms giving particulars of the approximate quantities required for delivery at Bombay and Ajmere, and conditions on which tenders will be received, may be obtained on application at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Parel, Bombay, and from the Deputy Storekeeper's Office, Ajmer.

Form No. 1. consists of Miscellaneous Stores, Parel delivery.
Form No. 2. consists of Miscellaneous Stores, Ajmere delivery.
Form No. 3. Kerosine Oil, Parel delivery.
Form No. 4. Kerosine Oil for Ajmere, Parel delivery.
Form No. 5. Waste Cotton, Parel delivery.
Form No. 6. Waste Cotton, Ajmere delivery.
Form No. 7. Cocoanut Oil, Parel delivery.
Form No. 8. Leather Goods, Ajmere delivery.

The whole or any of the above forms can be had on payment of Rs. 2 per each copy.

3. The Agent reserves the right to select one or more items from any tender without reference to the other items on the same tender, and the Tenderer will be required to supply at the rate quoted and sign an agreement for the due fulfilment of the contract.

4. Tenders should be superscribed, "Tenders for Indigenous Stores, etc." and a deposit of Rs. 1,000 (one thousand) must accompany all or any of the eight tenders, without which no tender will be considered.

5. If Government paper and other securities be submitted, they must be endorsed in favor of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company.

6. A further deposit will have to be made by the successful tenderers so as to make the total deposit equal to five per cent. of the total amount of the accepted tenders.

7. All stores to be in accordance with the Company's samples which may be seen at Parel or Ajmere. Sample of cotton waste white No 1 (Reeling waste) should be sent to Chief Storekeeper's office, Parel, properly labelled.

8. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

R. GOODE,
Acting Chief Storekeeper.

Chief Storekeeper's Office, Parel, Bombay, 21st Sept., 1904.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

BOMBAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, advertised to be held on WEDNESDAY, 12th October 1904, has been POSTPONED to a later date, which will be notified in due course,

By Order of the Committee,
C. J. MICHAEL,
Assistant Secretary.

Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, 5th October, 1904.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. ERNEST WILLIAM GYRKE of Bombay European Inhabitant, one of the Executors in India of WILLIAM BOOTH-GREEN, late of Bombay European Hotel Keeper, deceased, who alone proved the Will and a Codicil thereto of the said deceased in the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, on the 8th day of July, 1902, has contracted TO SELL to my Clients, The Indian Hotels Company, Limited, the immoveable and moveable properties and the Stock-in-Trade respectively described in Schedules 1, 2 and 3 and the goodwill mentioned in Schedule 4 hereunder written and the said sale was sanctioned by a decretal order of the said High Court made on the 22nd day of September, 1904, in Suit No. 622 of 1904 O. S. wherein the said Ernest William Gyrke was the Plaintiff and E. A. Green and others were the Defendants. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand in to or upon the said immoveables or moveable properties or the Stock-in-Trade or Goodwill or any part thereof whether by way of mortgage, gift, sale, lease, lien, inheritance, bequest or otherwise should make the same known in writing to the Undersigned, at his office, at No. 91, Medows Street, within the Fort of Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof otherwise the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claims and all such claims if any shall be considered as waived.

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2. Form of Contract, Specification, &c., may on payment of Rs. 10 be obtained from the Undersigned, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a Deposit of Rupees 1,500 to be paid to the Chief Accountant in Cash or Public Securities, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of Tender or of refusal to sign the Contract.

4. A further payment to make the total deposit equivalent to 10 per cent. on the Contract amount will have to be made by the Contractor whose Tender may be accepted.

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21	22	1	49	4	36	14	30	15	64	6	47	8	37	13	21
22	22	9	50	0	37	7	31	7	64	8	47	10	37	15	22
23	23	1	50	12	38	0	31	15	64	9	47	12	38	1	23
24	23	9	51	8	38	10	32	7	64	11	47	14	38	4	24
25	24	2	52	5	39	4	33	0	64	13	48	0	38	7	25
26	24	11	53	2	39	15	33	9	64	15	48	3	38	10	26
27	25	5	54	0	40	10	34	2	65	1	48	6	38	14	27
28	25	15	54	14	41	5	34	12	65	4	48	9	39	2	28
29	26	9	55	13	42	1	35	6	65	7	48	12	39	6	29
30	27	4	56	13	42	13	36	0	65	10	49	0	39	11	30
31	27	15	57	13	43	10	36	11	65	13	49	4	40	0	31
32	28	11	58	14	44	7	37	6	66	0	49	8	40	6	32
33	29	8	59	15	45	4	38	2	66	4	49	13	40	12	33
34	30	6	61	1	46	2	38	15	66	8	50	2	41	3	34
35	31	5	62	4	47	1	39	12	66	13	50	8	41	10	35
36	32	5	63	8	48	0	40	10	67	2	50	14	42	2	36
37	33	5	64	12	49	0	41	9	67	8	51	5	42	11	37
38	34	6	66	1	50	1	42	8	67	14	51	13	43	5	38
39	35	8	67	6	51	3	43	8	68	4	52	5	43	15	39
40	36	11	68	12	52	5	44	9	68	11	52	14	44	10	40
41	38	0	70	3	53	8	45	11	69	3	53	8	45	6	41
42	39	6	71	11	54	12	46	14	69	12	54	3	46	4	42
43	40	13	73	4	56	1	48	2	70	6	55	0	47	3	43
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Annual Income .... Rs. 2 Crores.

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TABLE I. T. L. N.

A person aged 25 next birthday, by payment of an Annual Premium of Rs. 431 4a., for 30 years, or till his previous death, may secure a policy for Rs. 10,000 under this table, entitling him to the following benefits:—

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1st yr.	5th yr.	10th yr.	15th yr.	20th yr.	25th yr.	30th yr.
The amount payable would be Rs.						
10,143	10,718	11,437	12,156	12,875	13,593	14,312

(2) Should the Assured survive the 30-year term
(a) An Immediate Payment in cash of Rs. 5,000.
(b) A free paid-up Policy, payable at his death, for Rs. 10,000;
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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, Oct. 4.

SECURITIES—
2 1-2 per cent. Consols .... £88 3-4 = + 1-16
3 do. Rentes .... £97 3-4 = unchanged
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan .... £105 1-4 = do
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper .... £65 13-16 = do

SILVER—
Spot in London .... 26 13-16 = + 1-16
2 months hence .... 26 9-16 = unchanged
Spot in New York .... 58 = + 1-8

EXCHANGES—
Paris cheques .... 25·15 = + 1-2
Berlin .... 20·39 1-2 = — 1-2
New York Demand.......... 4·85 3-8 = — 1-8

DISCOUNTS—
Bank of England .... 3 per cent = unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills 2 1-4 per cent = do
6 " " 2 5-8 per cent = do
3 " " Fine" Trade Bills .... 2 1-2 per cent = do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills .... 3 1-8 per cent = do

INTEREST—
Day to day loans .... 1 1-8 per cent = — 1-4
7 day market loans .... 1 1-2 per cent = unchanged

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 12 15-16 S.-O. quiet.

METALS.
Copper Braziers £67-10
Yellow metal 6 1-8d

WHEAT—
Red Karachi 30 1-4 N.-D. value quiet but steady

RAPESEED—
Brown 31 O.-N. sellers dull

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 36 3-8 O.-N. buyers dull

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 8 1-2

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed easier. Surats quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 8,000. Spot 5·54—8. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 7 3-4. Sold on speculation and for Export 300. Imports 30,000. Arrivals closed easier.

Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
5·25	5·25	5·25
—15	—14	—44
Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April
5·25	5·26	5·28
—14	—14	—13
April.-May.	May-June.	
5·28	5·29	
—14	—13	

Receipts at U S Ports.......... 90,000
Do. last year 63,000
Exports to Great Britain 20,000
Do. do Continent 16,000

In New York—
Spot.......... 10·30
Futures, month of December.......... 9·95 + 5
Do. do. April .... 10·17 + 14

In New Orleans—
Spot.......... 9 11-16 — 1-16
Futures, month of Jan.......... 9·91 + 10
Do. do. March.......... 10·18 + 10
Tone at close .... steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Tuesday, 4th October, 1904:—

Cotton .... 2,711 bales.
Wheat .... 93,188 cwts.
Linseed .... 7,956 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard.......... 6,804 "
Gingellyseed.......... 1,880 "
Poppyseed.......... 1,643 "
Groundnuts.......... 384 "
Castorseed .... 13,480 "
Rice .... 41,464 "
Myrabollams.......... 724 "
Cottonseed .... 14,571 "
Mowraseed .... 2,143 "
Gram .... 1,219 "
Joowar .... 6,612 "
Maize .... Nil

BOMBAY, OCTOBER 5.

Exchange—Tone Firm.
Bank T.T. 1-4
Bank Demand 1-4
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A. 1s. 4 5-32d.
Do 6 do do 1s. 4 5-16d
French Francs 3 do do 169 3-4
Marks 3 do do 137 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight 135 1-2
Shanghai 30 do do 189 1-2
Japan 30 do do 148 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone
Cash 98-2
1st Settlement ...31st October 97·15
Money Market,—Tone easy.

BANK RATE.—
Bank of England since 21st April 3 per cent.
Bank of Bombay do 16th June 3 do
Bank of Bengal do 23rd June 3 do
Bank of Madras do 6th July 4 do

SEEDS—
Linseed.—Tone quiet. Rs. a. p.
Ready ... ... 6 3 0 to 6 2 0
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.
Brown Cawnpore, Ready. 5 0 0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready. 5 11 0
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.
Ready 5 12 0
Castorseed—Tone steady.
Ready ... ... 25 0 to 26 0

WHEAT.—Tone steady
Pissi 91 per cent.............. Rs. 29 1-2
Club, No. 1 .... Rs. 30

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM

Tone— Firm.
Estimated sales ....bales 8,000
Imports .... do

Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
5·38	5·38
+13	+13

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb	Feb.-Mch.
5·38	5·38	5·39
+13	+13	+13
Mch-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June
5·41	5·41	5·42
+13	+13	+13
	June-July.	
	5·41	

COTTON.—The market opened firmer this morning with an advance of about Rs. 3 to 4 over yesterday's closing rates. A fairly large business has taken place yesterday and to-day, and at the close quotations are Rs. 1 to 2 higher than the morning.

PRICES OF BULLION.

English Bar Gold 23-15-3
China Leaf.......... 23-14-0 Nom
Pekin Bar Gold, Old.......... 23-11 "
Do. New .... 23-12 "
Australian Bar Gold, 100 touch.......... 23-14
Bombay do. do. 24-1-0
English Sovereign 15-1-0
Do. Dragoons.......... 15-0-0
Bar Silver 17 Bitterness.......... 71-6-0
Do. 17½ 71-8-0

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed .... easier
Surats .... quiet
Good Bhownuggar.......... ...
The Manchester Market has been .... firm
2 1-2 per cent Consols 88 3-4
3 per cent Rentes 97 3 4
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan 105 1-4
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers 65 13-16
Bar Silver 26 13-16

THE MILL HANDS' STRIKE.

The operatives of the eight mills managed by Messrs. Greaves Cotton and Company, who struck work on Saturday last have not yet resumed work. The hands of the New Empress, the Connaught and the Imperial Mills have been paid their wages for the month of September, and it has been arranged to pay off the operatives of the remaining mills to-day, except the female employes of the reeling departments of the Apollo and the James Greaves Mills, who having not completed their work, are required by mill authorities to attend to their work for a day and finish it, before receiving their pay for the last month. The strikers are very quiet and have given no trouble to the police. It is hoped that they will return to work on Friday next.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line, CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BOURNE—October 3, at Mackay's Gardens, Madras, the wife of J M Bourne, of a daughter.

LANDON—September 28, at Belgaum, the wife of Colonel H J S Landon, 1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment, of a daughter.

NORTON—September 27, at Bimlipatam, the wife of Thomas P Norton, Madras Police, of a daughter.

STIEFELHAGEN—October 1, at Kookicherra, the wife of W Stiefelhagen, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

LINDSAY—CAY—October 1, at Christ Church, Simla, by the Rev G E Nicolls, M A Captain A B Lindsay, 2nd (P W O) Goorkhas, son of the late General A H Lindsay C B, to Gladys, widow of the late Lieutenant Maurice Caye R N, and daughter of the late W J Hutton, Esq., of Beetham House, Westmorland and 13, Sloane Gardens.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 52m. Sun sets, 5h. 45m. High water, 8-37m., 9-4a. Low water, 2-3m. 2-54a.
Bombay Municipal Corporation, 3 p. m.
Royal Coronation Circus, Esplanade.

POLO.—There will be a game this evening at 5-15 p.m.

ROYAL ALFRED SAILORS' HOME.—An announcement made in the advertisement columns to-day, shows that the vacancy for the post of a Resident Superintendent is now filled up.

BOMBAY INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.—A general meeting of the ladies section of the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition will take place at Mrs Budroodin Tyabjee's Somersett House, Warden Road to-day 4-30 p. m.

ASSAULT ON A COOK.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday before Mr. C H Setalvad, Inspector Walker charged Kadurbhai Issaji, a Borah cook with causing grievous hurt to Hyder Sidi, also a cook by means of a ladle. The complainant and the accused were employed as cooks in Dawood Baugh. On Tuesday the accused gave a few slabs to a Purdesee when the complainant interfered. An altercation followed between them when the accused picked up a ladle which was lying close by and struck the complainant with it fracturing his left arm. The Magistrate fined the accused Rs. 40 out of which Rs. 30 was awarded to the complainant as compensation.

THIEVING WORKMAN.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, disposed of the case in which Inspector Priestly charged Raghoo Gopal, a Hindu coolie, with stealing currency notes of the value of Rs. 305, the property of Mr. Alfred Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Telegraphs in the G. I. P. Railway. The facts of the case have been reported. The accused with three other workmen, was employed to clean the complainant's bungalow at Sion on Sunday last. After the coolies had left in the evening, the complainant discovered the theft and hurrying to the Sion station managed to catch hold of the accused who produced the currency notes from a place, where he had buried them. The Magistrate convicted the accused and sentenced him to five months' rigorous imprisonment.

ESCAPING FROM A BAILIFF'S CUSTODY.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Ramchundra Jairam, a Hindu, was charged by Inspector O'Keeffe, with assaulting a public servant in the execution of his duties. It appeared that the accused was arrested on Monday last, by J. D. Fonseca, a bailiff of the Small Causes Court on a warrant of arrest and was being marched by him along Chowpatty Road, when he gave the bailiff a blow and escaped. The accused then ran into a private house and jumped out of a window and got hurt. The Magistrate convicted the accused of escaping from legal custody and considering the fact that he had already suffered sufficiently by his foolish act, did not send him to Jail but gave him the option of a fine. He was ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 25 with the alternative to suffer one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

THEFT OF PORT TRUST PROPERTY.—Yesterday, before Mr. Kersandas Chubildas, third Presidency Magistrate, a Mahomedan, shop-keeper, named Ahmed Moti pleaded guilty to the charge of dishonestly receiving and disposing of seven-and-a-half dozen first-pattern knives valued at Rs. 90 the property of the Port Trust knowing the same to have been stolen. Mr. Sorabsha Kapadia, pleader appeared for the defence. It appeared that the box of the knives arrived in Bombay by the s. s. "Oriental" together with some other articles and was lying at No. 2 shed in the Victoria Dock. It was the shed manager who found the box opened and the contents missing. In consequence of the Police being informed of the theft the accused was eventually arrested. The Magistrate fined the accused Rs. 75 and in default of payment imposed imprisonment for six weeks' with hard labour.

A PRODIGAL SON.—At the J.J. Hospital, yesterday, Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, conducted an inquest relative to the death of Hassan Merali, a young Mahomedan, aged twenty-two, residing with his father at Nowroji Hill. The father in his evidence stated that the deceased was very extravagant and kept bad company. He never went to school and never did any business. A few days ago he asked witness for Rs. 50, which the latter declined to give, as he knew that the money would be squandered away in dissipations. Hassan returned home on Monday evening and directly went to his bed. The next morning he was found breathing heavily and unconscious. The father conveyed him to the J. J. Hospital, where it was ascertained that Hassan had been suffering from opium poisoning. He did not come to himself again and died the same day. The evidence of a licensed vendor of opium went to show that the deceased had purchased from his shop at Oomercarry on Tuesday one tola of opium for nine annas. The Jury returned a verdict of suicide.

GAMBLERS CONVICTED.—At the Esplanade Police Court, Mr. Kersandas Chabildass, third Presidency Magistrate, yesterday, afternoon, disposed of the case in which fifteen Bhoras were charged by Inspector Sullivan with gaming with cards and money in the Jamatkhana, in Doctor Street, on the 4th inst. The first two accused named Walia Moosaji alias Walia Ganja, and Adamji Noorbhai, a shop-keeper, were charged with permitting gaming and the rest with joining in the gambling. One of the accused Abdulali Ibrahimjee, who turned King's evidence and was acquitted. During the hearing of the case Abdulalli had shown the Court how they gambled with cards, and was instrumental in revealing the whole case to the police. In disposing of the case the Magistrate convicted all the accused and sentenced them first to undergo two months' rigorous imprisonment, while the second accused, was fined Rs. 150, three weeks' rigorous imprisonment being imposed in default of payment. The other accused Issufalli Jivaji, Soolamanji Mahommedalli, Karim Abdul, Tang Issaji, Moosaji Mahommed Alli, Samsoodin Mahommedbhoy, Jeervaji Rajbhai and Ibi Adamji were each fined Rs. 50 with the alternative of one week's rigorous imprisonment. Other two accused Hassanalli Abdulalli and Adamalli Allibhai were each fined Rs. 10, Issufalli Waliji and Hassanalli Kasamji were each fined Rs. 15.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON A CART-DRIVER.—Mr. P. Byrne, Coroner for Bombay, conducted an inquest yesterday, at the J. J. Hospital, relative to the death of Bhicoo Vithoo, a Hindu cart-driver, aged about thirty-five, residing at Parbhadevi Road. The evidence showed that about noon on Tuesday, the deceased was driving his cart, laden with pressed bales of cotton, along Bhindi Bazar Road towards Pydhownee, when at the junction of Parel and Chunan Kiln Roads, it collided with a reckla in charge of Ibrahim Jiva. It appeared that the reckla was standing right in the way of the deceased's cart. The deceased shouted out to Ibrahim to take his carriage aside, but the latter refused to do so. In the meantime a tram-car came behind the deceased's cart and whistled out to clear the way. The deceased then attempted to pass the reckla on the right and as he did so his cart slightly collided with the reckla. Upon this Ibrahim jumped off his reckla, went to the deceased and struck him a blow on his head with a stick which he carried in his hand, and pulled him down his seat. As the deceased fell on the road, his bullocks walked on, and one of the wheels passed over his chest. The police appeared on the scene, arrested Ibrahim and conveyed the deceased to the J.J. Hospital, where he died the same evening. The cause of death being the rupture of the spleen. The Jury on the evidence returned a verdict of voluntarily causing grievous hurt against the reckla driver Ibrahim Jiva. The accused Ibrahim Jiva was yesterday placed before Mr. Setalvad at the Mazagon Police Court, on a charge of causing grievous hurt to the deceased. The case was remanded.

ACCORDING to M. Championniere in a paper to the French Academy of Medicine, appendicities is infectious, and may arise from influenza. It is commonest in countries were much flesh is eaten, and is grave in patients who eat overmuch flesh. It may be prevented by a semi-vegitarian diet and periodic purgation.

BOMBAY STANDING COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Corporation, was held, yesterday afternoon, in the Municipal Council Hall, the Hon. Mr. Vithaldas D. Thackersay, presiding. There were present, Mr. James Macdonald, Mr. M. Kennedy, Mr. Sassoon J. David, Lieutenant-Colonel H. P. Dimmock, Dr. K.E. Dadachanji, Dr. N. N. Katrak, Mr. Joseph Baptista Mr. Jaffer Rahimtoola, Dr. A. G. Viegas, Sir Bhalchundra Krishna, Dr. Dinshaw B. Master, Mr. W. L. Harvey, Commissioner, and Mr. M. N. Wadia, Secretary.

WORK OF PAVING FOOTPATHS.

The Committee considered a letter from the Commissioner in which he stated that in response to the invitation of tenders for the work of paving with blue stone slabs, portions of footpaths along Ripon Road and Fort Street, three tenders had been received from the following firms at rates specified against their names:—Messrs. Esufali Abdulali and Co., Rs. 6,929; Messrs. Pallonji Shapurji Mistri and Co., Rs. 7,117; and Messrs Teju Koya and Co. Rs. 7,585. As the tender of Messrs. Esufali Abdulali and Co., was the lowest received, the Commissioner requested the sanction of the Standing Committee to its acceptance at rates aggregating Rs. 6 929 (including Rs. 330 for the cost of supervision staff) plus Rs. 351 for contingencies.

It was resolved to accept the lowest tender.

GIFT FROM A MEMBER.

The Secretary reported for the information of the Committee that Mr. Mahomedbhoy Currimbhoy Ibrahim had presented to his office library a book case (by Messrs. Wimbridge and Co.) with a complete set of the hundred best books of Sir John Lubbock (Lord Avebury). The value of the gift was Rs 290. The book case had been placed in the Corporation Hall and the books would be available to councillors for perusal in the Hall.

The Committee accorded their best thanks to Mr. Mahomedbhoy for the books and book case presented by him.

COLLAPSE OF THE TULSI OUTLET TUNNEL.

Consideration was given to a letter from the Commissioner reporting the steps taken so far for the repair of the recent collapse of a portion of the Tulsi Outlet Tunnel and requesting sanction to a grant of Rs. 12,703 to meet the cost of the repairs. The Commissioner in his letter states:—In continuation of my No. 18-10 of the 10th ultimo, I have the honour to report for the information of the Standing Committee that the preliminary shaft referred to by the Deputy Executive Engineer Water Works, in his letter of 16-9-04 had to be stopped at about 5 above the pipe owing to a large quantity of water finding its way into it which could not be baled out. Work was then commenced at the end of the tunnel at the upper end of the original subsidence, but here again great difficulty was met with owing to leakage which brought down so much silt with it that the excavation was filled up almost as fast as it was taken out and the pump constantly became choked. It was necessary then to sink a close timbered shaft and the pipe was located on Friday last when two 1 1-2 holes were drilled in it to drain off all the water coming from the tunnel and to enable work to proceed regularly. The necessary supply of heavy timber has been brought on the ground. This entailed much labour as it had to be carted to the Vehar bund, conveyed to the upper end of the lake in boats and then carried up by coolies to the site of the work. Most of the coolies were so employed all last week. As much earth has been washed down the tunnel from behind the sheeting of the shaft rendering it unsafe, a larger one has been commenced outside of and enclosing it, and the Deputy Executive Engineer, Water Works, hopes to be able if all goes well to execute it to the desired level and clear out the tunnel between it and the original subsidence in a week or ten days, when it will be possible to repair the damage to the pipe and to work into the section of tunnel beyond which is still intact. The Deputy Executive Engineer, Water Works, reports that the leakage, though more than enough to prove most embarrassing, especially when it is impossible to bring a steam pump to bear on it, is not very serious, and he hopes to localize and stop it so as not to interfere with further repairs. Steps will then be taken to surround the pipe with concrete and refill the tunnel so as to render further subsidence impossible. It is impossible at present to frame an accurate estimate of the cost of the whole work and I have, therefore, obtained from the Water Engineer a rough estimate of the cost which amounts to Rs. 12,706 as per following details:—50 coolies for 90 days at 5 annas per day each, Rs. 1,406; timber Rs. 500; iron work Rs. 100; concrete Rs. 64; brass at Rs. 150 per brass, Rs. 9,600; Contingencies Rs. 1,100; total Rs. 12,706.

Dr. Dadachanji observed that though the work of repairing the Tunnel had been going on for the last twenty days, members were not told as to the extent of the damage and as to whether the mischief had yet been localised. He thought the work ought not to have been entrusted to an ordinary inspector. They had especially appointed an Assistant Engineer to look after Water Works outside Bombay and he (the speaker) did not know why that officer should not have been entrusted with such a responsible task, instead of leaving it to the mercy of an ordinary inspector. When the collapse occurred Mr. Bruce himself ought to have gone to the spot instead of issuing orders to his assistants for, it appeared from his letter that the leakage had been in existence for years past and that the tunnel was also in a bad condition. He (Dr. Dadachanji) did not object to their sanctioning of the grant required for the repairs.

It was resolved to forward the letter to the Corporation with the recommendation of the Committee to sanction the grant. It was further resolved to request the Chairman to bring the resolution before the next meeting of the Corporation as an urgent business.

MUNICIPAL PRINTING CONTRACTS.

The following letter from the Commissioner was considered:—With reference to the Corporation Resolution of the 14th March 1904 on the question of dividing the printing work of the Municipality into 10 lots, I have to state that in response to the invitation of tenders for the work of printing in 10 divisions for the alternate periods of one, three and five years commencing from the 1st of March 1905 eight tenders have been received as follows:—

Name of the Tenderer.	Divisions tendered for	Discount for three years' contract on their rates.	Discount for five years' contract on their rates.
The "Times of India"	I to X	6 1-4 p cent	12 1-2 p cent
The "Bombay Gazette"	I & VII	6 per cent	12 per cent
The "Advocate of India"	I, IV, VI, VII & VIII	2 1-2 p cent	4 per cent
The "Daftar Ashkara and Rast Goftar"	IV, VI, VII VIII & X	2 per cent	2 1-2 p cent
The Abkari Soudagar	III & IV	5 per cent	10 per cent
The Jamshedji N Petit Parsi Orphanage and Captain Printing Works	VI	5 per cent	7 1-2 p cent
Mr Hasanalli Abdulalli	I, VI & VII	2 per cent	3 per cent
Mr Khemraj Shkrisandas	I	6 1-4 p cent	12 1-2 p cent

I forward herewith the tabulated statements from which it will be seen that the rates of the following firms are lowest for one, three and five years for the Divisions marked against their names:—Mr Hasanalli Abdulalli I; The "Times of India" II; The "Akbari Soudagar," III; The "Time of India" IV; The "Times of India" V; Mr. Hasanalli Abdulalli VI The "Daftar Ashkara" and "Rast Goftar" VII; The "Daftar Ashkara" and "Rast Goftar" VIII; The "Times of India" IX; The "Times of India" X.

In the circumstances, I request the sanction of the Standing Committee and the Corporation to the work being entrusted to the firms for a period of 3 years as shown below:—Mr. Hasanalli Abdulalli I: The "Times of India," II; "The Akbari Soudagar" III; The "Times of India," IV; The "Times of India," V; Mr. Hasanalli Abdulalli VI; The "Daftar Ashkara" and "Rast Goftar," VII; The "Daftar Ashkara" and "Rast Goftar," VIII; The "Times of India," IX; The "Times of India," X.

I also request the Standing Committee to bring this matter before the Corporation as urgent business so that the successful tenderers may be able to make preparations for the work in due time."

Mr. James Macdonald said the "Times of India," had offered to do the whole work for five years and as they had up to this time, done their work efficiently and given every satisfaction and as members knew, every thing that was entrusted to that press had been nicely turned out, there seemed no advantage in a change. Only the matter had fully to be looked into. He moved that the whole work should be entrusted to the "Times of India."

Mr. Sassoon J. David seconded the motion.

Dr. Viegas did not think the proposal of Mr. Mcdonald would be advantageous to the Municipality. The object of dividing the printing work into several sections, was to secure more advantageous terms for the Municipality, and after dividing the work into several sections and obtaining lower rates from these different tenderers, it would be unfair to reject their offers. He suggested that the Commissioner's recommendation should be adopted. If the Committee was not unanimous on the subject, the consideration of the matter be postponed.

Sir Bhalchundra Krishna moved an amendment that the matter be referred for consideration and report to a sub-committee composed of the following members. The Chairman, Mr. James Macdonald, Mr. Jaffer Rahimtoola, Dr. Viegas, Mr. Sassoon J. David, Dr. Katrak and Dr. Dadachanji.

Mr. Jafferbhoy seconded the amendment.

On a division the amendment was carried.

The Committee then adjourned.

A WHOLE VILLAGE KEPT AT BAY

SENTENCE OF DEATH CONFIRMED.

MR. H. S. PHADNIS, Additional Sessions Judge of Broach, in August last, convicted Raijee Raghnath of murder and sentenced him to death. An appeal by the accused was heard at the High Court on Thursday, before the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston. Mr. N. V. Gokhale appeared for the accused; and Rao Bahadur V. J. Kirtiker, Government Pleader, for the Crown.

The accused was charged with murder in having caused the death of one Natha Govand at Wagra in the district of Broach on the 11th July last. The prosecution story was briefly as follows: The accused was a resident of the Taluka station of Wagra owning some lands, and had been a defaulter in respect of Government assessment thereon from 1901-02. On the report of the Mamlatdar, his lands were forfeited and advertised for sale to be held on the 12th July last. One Lallu and the deceased, a stamp vendor, were close friends and suspected by the accused to have brought about the forfeiture of his lands. Lallu had officiated for some time as revenue patel of Wagra. On the morning of 11th July, one Hira and Lakha hastened to the bank of the tank on hearing the cry of Lallu that the accused hit him and was running away. They both went to where Lallu was lying and found him dangerously wounded. The police patel, who came there later on, ordered Lallu to be taken to the dispensary and directed Hira and Lakha to go in pursuit of Lallu's assailant, the accused. On turning into a road, they sighted three men at some considerable distance from them. They saw one of the three men hit the other who was lying on the ground near him. Those two men, they recognised to be the accused and the deceased Natha. The third man, was Noor Mahomed who was going to Bhirsam to serve some process; and he saw the accused hit Natha on the head with a bill-hook. Natha fell down, when the accused struck him more blows with the same instrument. The accused on seeing Hira and Lakha, left the place and proceeded in the direction of Bhersam. They followed him a few prices, but had to return on being threatened by him that, if they proceeded further, they would meet the same fate. On returning to Natha, they saw that he was bleeding profusely and life was extinct. They returned to the village and informed the police patel of what they had seen. Soon afterwards the accused was seen in a field near the Public Works Department Store coming towards the village in a defiant and threatening attitude with a bill-hook resting on his shoulder. The Mamlatdar, on hearing of this hastened home and chaining the doors of his house from inside, kept a man outside to watch the house with a drawn sword. The chief constable arrived at the village and directed drill master Wasudeo to go in search of and arrest the accused. The drill master also received a written order from the Mamlatdar to use shots, if necessary. However, seizing a favourable opportunity, he was able to rush upon the accused and hold him fast without any necessity to fire a shot. The drill master, the Sessions Judge remarked, gave a graphic description of the way in which he arrested the accused. It was manifest that the accused, with his bill-hook in hand, was prepared to run amok of any person who would venture to cross his way. It seemed the whole village was out, but kept at bay by the threats of the accused, and it was with great tact that the drill master arrested the accused. The evidence of the Mamlatdar and the drillmaster, in the opinion of the Sessions Judge, went a long way in corroborating the story of the eye-witnesses. The two saw him coming with a bill-hook in hand, and all the while in a threatening and alarming attitude. That attitude, the Sessions Judge said, showed that he had become quite desperate and was prepared to hit any person who would come near him. The evidence showed clearly that it was the accused who killed Natha. There were, said the Sessions Judge, no extenuating circumstances. The murder was an atrocious one, and unprovoked at the time; and the extreme penalty of the law was the proper sentence to be passed upon the accused.

Mr. Justice Batty, in giving the Court's judgment, said: We think that the evidence in this case is quite clear, and that there are no extenuating circumstances which would induce us to interfere with the sentence passed by the Sessions Judge. The accused was arrested almost immediately after the commission of the crime with the bloodstained weapon in his hands; and three witnesses, whose evidence has been very fully discussed by the Sessions Judge, depose that they saw the act of violence committed. We accordingly confirm the conviction and sentence, and reject the appeal.

PARSEES AND PROSELYTISM.

THE business of the Committee appointed by the Parsee community to consider the question of proselytism among them, is dragging its slow length along. The Committee met again at the Sir Jamsetjee Parsee Benevolent Institution on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Dr. K. E. Dadachanjee to determine a collateral issue; but separated at a late hour without coming to any decision. On a previous occasion, it was resolved by a small majority of votes that, in the present social condition of the Parsees, it was inexpedient and disavantageous to admit Non-Zoroastrians into their religion; and by another resolution, certain restrictions and disqualifications were to be exercised against those who encouraged or had a share in such conversions. Thus the two resolutions, it was thought, brought the main business of the Committee to a close. But in the interval between the last two meetings of the Committee, Mr. K. R. Cama, in a letter addressed to the chairman of the Committee, requested that his protest should be sent to the community at the same time as the report of the Committee. Dr. Sukhia had also sent in a protest.

The Chairman said the business now before the meeting was to consider the protests.

Dr. Sukhia objected to Mr. Cama's protest being entertained at all.

The chairman was of a contrary opinion, and the secretary read the protest to the meeting. With the protest Mr. Cama had sent a number of authorities in support of his contentions; and it was resolved that, without reading them to the meeting, the authorities should be dealt with together with Mr. Cama's protests.

Dr. Sukhia's protest next came up for consideration. It was against Mr. Cama's protest being entertained on the ground that he had, at a certain stage of the proceedings, withdrawn from the meeting of the Committee, and that he had therefore no right to intermeddle in its business at a later stage.

It was remarked that Dr. Sukhia's protest had a tendency to impugn the rulings of the chairman, and that therefore it was out of order.

It was proposed that Dr. Sukhia's protest was out of order and inadmissible, but the motion was rejected by a majority of votes.

Mr. H. N. Lord proposed that both the protests should be sent to the community with an expression of the Committee's opinion, for reasons given, that Mr. Cama's protest was of no weight at all.

Dr. Guzdar remarked that Mr. Cama's protest had already been torn to tatters, and he therefore requested that gentleman to withdraw it.

Mr. Cama refused to do so. Shums-ul-Ulama J. J. Modi thought that, for the sake of decency, no protest should accompany the report which the Committe was to send to the community.

Mr. Shapurjee B. Katrak proposed a motion to this effect, with the addition that those who made the protests should send them direct to the community. The proposition was rejected by a majority of votes.

On the motion of the secretary, the meeting was adjourned.

PASSENGERS PER S. S. NERA.

The following passengers will sail to-day (Thursday) per M. Maritimes Coy's steamer "Nera" from V. Dock No. 1 for Marseilles etc. There will be the usual medical inspection at the dock at 6-30 a.m. Native servants and ayahs and deck passengers must be present at the Prince's Dock, disinfecting shed, at 6-30 a.m. with all their baggage:—

FOR MARSEILLES.

Mr A J Bird
Major-General and Mrs B Lovett
Mr Val Keel
Mr and Mrs R M Kennedy
Miss Kennedy
Miss B Lovett
Mr Leduc
Mr Michaux
Mr Mazim
Mr Purand
Mr Zegaco
Mr and Mrs Orlanducci and 3 children
Miss Orlanducci
Mr Laposse
Mr J Bandin
Mr and Mrs Casas
Mr and Mrs Pelafaye
Miss Merandor
Mr Merandor
Mrs Templer, child and nurse.

FOR PORT SAID.

Mr Mayocheim
Mr Gregory Rokides

FOR ADEN.

Mrs Jamshedji and 2 children

"Mick M'Quaid's Adventures," a serial story, has been running in a Dublin paper, called the "Shamrock," for thirty-eight years, and is still running. Mick M'Quaid is the same age as he was in the sixties. Time cannot wither Mick M'Quaid. Nor, apparently, can custom stale his infinite variety.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Clematis, 2329 tons, Captain F Munro, sailed yesterday, for Birkenhead, with the same bottom cargo.

THE steamer Duke of Norfolk, 2438 tons, Captain W Anderson, arrived in harbour on Tuesday evening, from Beira, in ballast and 6 deck passengers.

THE French Mail steamer Nera, 3516 tons, Captain A Chevalier, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Noumea, 24th August, with a general cargo and passengers.

The B I S N Co's steamer Thongwa, 3428 tons, Captain T M Whitehead, sailed yesterday for Rangoon and Calcutta in ballast.

The B I S N Co's steamer Kapurthala, 720 tons, Captain E Y Watson, will sail to-day for the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mrs Davidson, and infant Mr D Bevie, Miss M Houghton, Mr E W George, Mr Spingrow, Captain Keogh, Major W Becvar, Lieu and Mrs E H Hertly, and 2 children Miss Moore and 120 deck.

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R I M S Investigator..Comdr T H Heming Survey steamer
Torpedo Boat Baluchi... — —
Do Karen... — —
Do Pathan ... — —

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—OCT. 5.

Vessel. Ton. Capt. Destination. Date. Agent.
India ....2891 Forbes ....M M & Co
Hoseinee ......293 Lorne.......... ....B & P S N Co
Kerbela ....1468 Donald..........N F..........M M & Co
Madura ....1273 Henderson ....P Gulf..........M M & Co
Scindia..........2050 Kedslie..........M M & Co
Warora..........2565 England..........M M & Co
Vita.......... 809 Cutbush..........M M & Co
Secundra..........1675 Goode ....M M & Co
Kasara .... 505 Chappell..........M M & Co
Sirsa ....1175 Fysh..........M M & Co
Imaum ....3703 Pemberthy.......... ....K Nixon & Co
Itola.......... 3361 LeMarchand..........M M & Co
Assaye.......... Dowell ..Southampton ...12-10 Transport
Chusan ....2852 Henrick.....China ....10-10 P & O Co
Okara .... 2436 Fenwick ....M M & Co
Terrier..........1008 Brunn..Bangkok..F F Campbell & Co
Chupra ....1436 Hawkes ....M M & Co
Burrsfield..........2615 Mackenzie.......... ....Bombay Co
Strathmore..........2495 King ....W & A Graham & Co
Strathnevis ....230. Buchanan..........Greaves Cotton & Co
Kapurthala .... 720 Watson..........P Gulf ....M M & Co
Pekin ....3952 Cooke.......... ....China 15-10 P & O Co
Duke of Norfolk..2438 Anderson ....L'pool ....M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed. Vessel. Ton. Capt. Destination. Date. Agent.
A Persia..........2330 Mitchell..L'pool .... 12-10 W & A G & Co
D Clan Ferguson..3107 McAllister ...Chi'gong ...8-10 F M&Co
F Thongwa..........3428 Whitehead...Calcutta ...5-10 M M & Co
G Henry Bolckow ...639 Kemp..... Sea Ports...1?-10 B & P S N
H Naderi...1169 Metcalfe .. R Sea Ports.. 12-10 B & P S N Co
K Sofari.......... 193 Ulrich ... ...Zanzibar..... 7-10 A. Strandes
M Shirley.......... 2198 Pritchell.......Calcutta......6-10 Bo Co
Q Bombay ..... 2049 Vicary Amsterdam...8-10 W & A Graham

30 Ton crane.

Ponani ....524 Mohamed ..B'negar......8-10 Shpd & Co

HARBOUR WALL P. DOCK.

Satrunji.......... 547 Ahmed ...Mangalore ...7-10 Shepherd

MEREWETHER DRY DOCK.

Monsoori..........1735 Hannah...R Sea Ports ...15-10 B & P S N

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed. Vessel. Ton. Capt. Destinations. Date. Agent.
1 Nera..........3517 Chevalier ...Mar'les ...6-10 M Maritime
2 Scindia..........3453 Atrey . L'pool...W & A Graham & Co
3 Dwarka .... 759 Rothwell.......K'chi...... -10 M M & Co
5 Caspian.......2318 Young ....Havre......8-10 J Mackintosh
10 & 11 Persia ...4198 Bruce.......... London ....15-10 P & O Co
12 Caledonia ...3529 Tocque.......... ...Aden ....8-10 P & O Co
15 Baron Dalmeny...2503 Parker...Havre..8-10 W & A G & Co

ARRIVALS.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
4	Duke of Norfolk s.	Anderson....	Beira Sept 21
5	Nera s	Chevalier.....	Noumea Aug 24

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Vessel.	Commander	From
5	Simla s..........	Summers......	Shanghai &c
	Shahnoor s..........	Davidson	Jeddah &c
	Clematis s	Munro	Birkenhead
	Thongwa s..........	Whitehead...	Calcutta, &c

The steamer Kapurthala, Captain Watson, obtained her port clearance yesterday for Persian Gulf.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Oct.	Names.	Tons.	From
1	Shahzada	1404	Chittagong
1	Francisco Ciampa	2724	Bombay

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Names.	Tons.	For
1	Pindari	8?16	Antwerp
1	Cydonia	1029	Singapore
1	Dumbarton	22?0	Bombay
2	Mount Oswald	2?79	Buenos Ayres
2	Indus	2366	Trinidad etc
2	Amatonga	2?47	Dundee
2	Wildenfels	5765	Hamburgh and Bremen
1	Adato	2145	Bombay
1	Gibraltar	2473	Bombay
2	Birkhall..........	2738	U Kingdom
2	Queen Mab (ship)......	1000	Taltal (F O)

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

	Vessel.	From
Sept. 30	Morven	London
Oct. 1	Zillah	Calcutta
2	Manora	London
3	Fizam	Calcutta
3	Okhla	Rangoon

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

HONGKONG, Oct. 5.

The Florio Rubattino S N Co's steamer Capri from Bombay, arrived here to-day.

The Anchor Line Co's steamer Massilia, left Liverpool for Bombay on the evening of the 4th instant.

The P & O S N Co's steamer Sunda, arrived in London, on the morning of the 4th instant.

The P and O S N Co's steamer Marmora, arrived at Suez from Colombo, on the evening of the 3rd instant.

The P & O S N Co's steamer Palma, arrived at Suez from Colombo on the morning of the 3rd instant.

The German East Africa Line steamer Sultan left Zanzibar for Bombay, on the 4th instant, via Lamu and Mombassa.

DAILY EXPORTS.—OCTOBER 5.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Baron Dalmeny s—10000 cwts wheat Sanday and Co; 145 bales wool W and A Graham and Co; 30 bales wool David Sassoon and Co; 46 bales wool T Chimandas; 35 bales wool The Bombay Co; 30 bales wool Damodar Khimjee

Persia s—154 bales wool W and A Graham and Co; 65 bales wool C Nanjee and Co

FOR LONDON.

Persia s—180 cwts horns Mr Mahomed; 45 bales hemp R S N Talati and Co; 2 bales woollen Carpets 2 cases brassware &c; Thillery and Stadrides

FOR HAVRE.

Caspian s—4000 cwts rapeseed, Nansee Khairaz and Co; 40 cwts ooplate M A Pathria

FOR ANTWERP.

Duke of Norfolk s—310 bales hemp N Futeball and Co; 26000 cwts wheat S D Sassoon and Co; 14000 cwts wheat Nansee Khairaz and Co; 1000 cwts myrabolams Waghjee Bechur; 1000 cwts linseed and 200 cwts mustorseed Volkart Brothers 600 bales cotton waste and fly, C Heerjee and Co; 2000 cwts linseed John Fachiri; 150 bales hemp Arthur Bramwell and Co; 2000 cwts linseed A Blaschecks and Co; 6000 cwts wheat Tata and Co; 20000 cwts linseed Ralli Bro's 46 bales cotton waste Tyabjee & Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Imaum s—4000 cwts rapeseed Gopaljee Pragjee; 4000 cwts linseed Killick Nixon and Co

FOR MARSEILLES

Persia s—3 cases silk and cotton piece goods, 1 case haberdashery Kahn and Kahn

Scindia s—1950 cwts mowraseed John Fachiri.

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Acting Adjt. B. L. H.

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Bombay, October 6.

1 The Programme of the Bombay Presidency Local and Central Meetings has been received and may be seen at Head-Quarters. Entries for Local Meetings close on the 12th October 1904 and those for the Central Meeting on the 4th January 1905.

2 The Programme of the 1st Battalion G I P Ry Volunteers Rifle Meeting has been received and may be seen at Head-Quarters. Match I, 300 Yards is open to all Comers and entries for the same will be received at Head-Quarters up to the 26th October 1904.

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A limited number of Admission Cards will be available for the general Public. Persons wishing to attend should apply to the Undersigned, on or before WEDNESDAY, the 12th inst.

The Space behind the Chancellor's Chair will be reserved for Graduates desirous of coming in their ACADEMIC ROBES. Tickets of Admission must be applied for not later than Wednesday, the 12th inst.

FARDUNJI M. DASTUR, M.A.,
University Registrar.

Bombay, 4th October, 1904.

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The Bombay Gazette

THURSDAY, OCT. 6, 1904.

SIR CHARLES ELIOT'S CASE.

THE uncalled-for censure of Sir Charles Eliot and his resignation evoked much adverse comment on the ways of the British Foreign Office which has now acknowledged its error by re-instating Sir Charles—an act of mere justice—which could not well have been avoided. Hitherto, we have only had the testimony of the parties directly concerned, each bound to make the best of his own case In the new "Monthly" we have independent testimony from the pen of Mr. Godfrey Phillimore who calls for a purposeful enunciation of British East African policy. Mr. Phillimore disembarked at Mombasa about the middle of April, when the despatches of protest, since published, were on their way to Lord Lansdowne. During March and April, he tells us, the aspect of land settlement had been most dramatically reversed. Until the railhead had reached Nairobi, the possibilities of British East Africa for good or evil remained undeveloped, for on this side of Nairobi the country is either waterless or tropical and in either case not well suited for permanent European colonisation. Even Mr. Alexander White, an agriculturist of tropical experience and obviously something of an enthusiast, could not deny in his report on the Sea-Coast Belt, which was presented to Parliament in May 1903, that an occasional trip to Europe must prove a necessity to the white planter. With the arrival of the railway at Nairobi, such difficulties disappeared, and according to Mr. Phillimore, the settler can now reach in twenty-four hours from the coast, that white man's paradise, which Sir Harry Johnstone brought so forcibly before our eyes, when as yet it was a province of the Uganda Protectorate. Settlers have found their way to this paradise. Their occupation of the country is regulated in Settlers' ordinances of 1902 and 1903, which can only be read as pledging the Government to the policy of a white occupation; although, in view of the strong claims of the natives to be considered, a wide freedom of restriction was retained. The settler could, within ascertainable limits, choose for himself an agricultural homestead of 160 acres and reserve a right to take up a further area of pre-empted land not exceeding 480 acres. This could be done at a cost of two rupees an acre or two annas per acre for sixteen years. Or, he could take up acres of grazing land from a thousand to ten thousand acres in extent at a rent of half an anna per acre, such rules, as Mr. Phillimore remarks, can hardly be taken otherwise than as a direct encouragement to the individual colonist, whom it was Sir Charles Eliot's object to serve.

Sir Charles Eliot granted leases for mining purposes for forty square miles. But that area grew into five hundred square miles. In a Foreign Office paper, presented to Parliament in July last, it is stated that only two large land concessions were granted in 1903, namely to Lord Delamere and the East Africa Syndicate, "and it is not the present policy of his Majesty's Government to grant further very extensive areas for grazing or agricultural purposes in one block." It was stated in explanation, that at the time when applications were first received for the two concessions in question, difficulty had been experienced in attracting attention to the capabilities of the Protectorate. Lord Delamere is stated to have been an early pioneer and settler, and the East Africa Syndicate was held to have earned special consideration by the strenuous efforts it made, in 1902 and the following year, to ascertain the geological and mineral possibilities of the Protectorate. It proved to his Majesty's Government that it had spent over thirty-thousand pounds for this purpose, and it communicated to them the information obtained, which was of considerable value. Surely, exclaims Mr. Phillimore, this is the first instance of a profit-seeking association in search of gold, and valuable minerals being rewarded on the ground of their public spirit. Possibly, he continues, "the failure of their search was held to prove their disinterestedness. But supposing the ordinary settler abandons work on his homestead for a year of prospecting, will he, too, be rewarded with square miles of land in proportion to his failure, while a grateful Government falls on his neck for the information that their country is minerally worthless?" Yet that was all the information Lord Delamere and the East Africa Syndicate gave—that the search for gold and other minerals had not fulfilled expectations, that a large soda deposit had been found, but it was doubtful whether it could be worked at a profit.

Quoting the expressed determination of Government not to grant further very extensive areas in one block, Mr. Phillimore asks whether it was very wrong of Sir Charles Eliot, when he realised the blunder, to interpose objections to this grant of five hundred miles to an exploitation company who, as things now stand, pay on demand one peppercorn during the first score years of their occupation of the said five hundred square miles and during the remaining eighteen five hundred pounds a year? It was only necessary for the concessionaires to equip five farms of five thousand acres each; as to the remaining 295,000 there was no stipulation whatever beyond that of survey. Is it a matter for surprise that Sir Charles was led to suspect something in the nature of a job? The concession was in direct contravention of every previously accepted principle of the administration and could but draw forth a protest from any conscientious administrator. Mr. Phillimore urges that more light is imperatively required in this ominous change, ominous because the conversion allows a wholesale confiscation of land, some part of which is almost certain to fall within the native area of occupation, or, at least, the grazing range of the Masai tribe. And it was out of consideration for them that Lord Lansdowne had previously refused to grant land in this very locality to Messrs, Chamberlain and Flemmer. Attention having been drawn to the attractions of the country, large numbers of persons found their way there. Mr. Phillimore gives us a vivid picture of events when the countryside began to be mapped out over the bar counter in Rayne's store or the Hotel Stanley and the packing cases drawn together in a ring of growing sympathy, men were surprised and irritated to discover how much of the good land near the railway was in the hands of Syndicates and persons of influence at home. Neither capitalists nor aristocrats themselves, he observes, they yet felt that in them lay the advancing energy of the British race and were hurt to find the fire of their eagerness so early played upon by a Government which they had expected to find wholeheartedly British. Of South Africa, writes Mr. Phillimore in conclusion, we have now a fair working knowledge, the fruit of a long and bitter experience; must we wait for similar misfortunes to develop our intelligent interest in the East? We may take the reinstatement of Sir Charles Eliot as the most satisfactory, possible, reply.

THE FISCAL QUESTION.

MR. BALFOUR seems more than ever disinclined to follow Mr. Chamberlain. Protection he expressly repudiates, and retaliation is not advanced any farther than the position given to it by Mr. Balfour at Sheffield exactly twelve months ago. If the Prime Minister's two speeches, made at the interval of a year, may be taken as fairly indicating the extent of popular acceptance of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal views, it would seem that no advance at all has been made in that direction. Mr. Chamberlain holds that the Colonies are prepared to join in a system of imperial preferences, and points to the opinions expressed at the Imperial Conference some years ago. After eighteen months propaganda by Mr. Chamberlain the Prime Minister thinks it advisable that representatives of the Colonies and India should meet to say whether a fiscal union commends itself to them and, if so, how it can be carried out. This seems very much like a start "de novo," and if recent expressions of opinion go for anything, it is doubtful if the proposal will be very warmly welcomed by the Colonies. Mr. Balfour favours a conference the delegates to which will be free from any special instructions, but the Colonists may reply that it would be more useful if they were called upon to do something more than register pious opinions. An expression of approval or disapproval of the idea of a fiscal union scarcely seems to call for the machinery of a conference. The Colonial and Indian Governments can at once declare their views on the subject; while the consideration of details would seem to be premature until the respective electorates have pronounced on the principle. Australia, at least, has expressed the opinion that no conference can be held until proposals more definite than have so far been mooted, are made; and the Prime Minister merely proposes for discussion a subject which has already received academic approval. The attitude of the Colonies may be summed up as favourable to the idea of an Imperial zollverein, if it does not involve sacrifice, though it is very much feared it will. Show us definitely, they say, that we will not lose, that there will be adequate compensation for the foreign trade which may be endangered, that our native industries will not suffer, and we will begin seriously to consider any definite proposals you have to make. That, too, may be taken to not unfairly indicate the attitude which India is obliged to take up on the subject. India, however, has the advantage that a good deal of her trade with foreign countries is of such a nature that it would be less affected by retaliatory duties than would the trade of the British Colonies On this point an interesting contribution to the discussion of the question was made the other day by Mr. Mackenzie, the Resident at Travancore. The products of that State are of a character which cannot be excelled, if equalled, anywhere else, and in some instances cannot be found elsewhere, Similarly European countries rely on India generally for products which cannot be so well obtained in any other part of the world. This fact, while strengthening India's position in relation to other countries, emphasises the difficulty of including this country in any Imperial Fiscal Union that is to be carried out on equitable lines.

CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE C. P.

A REPORT on the administration of civil justice in the Central Provinces and Berar for the year 1903 shows that there has been a considerable fall in the number of original suits instituted both in the Central Provinces and Berar. The decrease is common to nearly all districts and is explained as having been due in most of them to plague, and in the Raipur and Chanda districts to the failure of crops in 1902-03, and the liberal distribution of "takavi" which saved the poorer class of cultivators from the money-lender. The decrease is most marked in petty suits, which are precisely the class of suit which would naturally be affected by the prevalence of plague. In the Central Provinces there has also been a considerable fall in the number of suits under the Rent Law. Although no explanation of this decrease has been given in the District or Divisional Reports, the officiating Chief Commissioner, Mr. Lely, attributes it partly to the fact that the return of agricultural prosperity has enabled landlords to obtain their rents, without recourse to the courts and partly to a better understanding by the agricultural classes of the provisions of the Tenancy Act of 1898, which has resulted in the reference to the Revenue Courts of many matters of dispute which formerly were the subjects of civil litigation. The year has been one of transition in the Central Provinces and has witnessed the introduction of the new scheme providing for the appointment of a large additional number of Munsiffs and the gradual relief of Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars from civil work unconnected with the Rent Law. With the exception of a certain dilatoriness in the despatch of business, it is satisfactory to note that the administration of civil justice has, on the whole, proceeded smoothly. Turning to the administration of criminal justice, the number of cases reported and returned as true is considerably less than in the previous year. Here again this decrease is common to nearly all districts, and in the case of police cases is not explained. The decrease in complaint cases is explained as due chiefly to the existence of plague which rather suggests that there was more crime beneath the surface than has come to light. An extremely interesting feature in the report is the work done by the Honorary Magistrates. In the Central Provinces, the percentage of convictions in the Court of Honorary Magistrates is less than half that in the Courts of stipendiaries, due, it is stated, to their taking up chiefly cases of assault and other private complaints of that kind. In Berar, on the other hand, the percentage of convictions by Honorary Magistrates is much higher than in stipendiary courts, and the reason presumably is that Honorary Magistrates generally try cases under the Police and Municipal Acts. Of the Central Provinces Honorary Magistrates it is said that they are generally dilatory in disposing of cases and not ready enough to act under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code, and spare the parties the harassment of a trial when there is not sufficient ground for proceeding.

COLONEL MACMAHON, head of the Seistan Mission, may possibly visit Quetta next month.

THE Delegates of the Commercial Mission to Persia are expected to sail from Bombay on the 11th instant. Mr. Gleadowe Newcomes will represent jointly the Upper India Chamber of Commerce, the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and the Indian Tea Cess Committee. He will be accompanied by Mr. B. E. Luffman as assistant Delegate and Mr. P. Ryan as Secretary.

THE American Steel Trust proposes to establish mills in Canada at a cost of 12 million dollars, in order to evade the Canadian Customs duty of 28s. per ton on the products of the trust.

SIR WILLIAM RAMSAY, writing to the "New York Times," declares that American business men are too slow to take advantage of the recent discoveries of science. Most of them seem ignorant of the latest trend of scientific thought, he declares, and English manufacturers are in scientific detail, far ahead of the American, while Germany shows a clean pair of heels to both.

ENCKE'S Comet, the most interesting of all comets to the astronomer, has just been rediscovered at the Koenigstuhl Observatory, where the first observation, made at 1 h. 17 m. A.M. on the morning of Sept. 12, gave its ascension as 1 h. 46 m. 16 s. and its declination as 27 deg. 24m. north. At the time of discovery it was about 2deg. south of Beta Trianguli, and it is moving at the rate per day of about one minute of time westward in right ascension, and of eight minutes of arc northward in declination. Its course will therefore take it just due north of the third magnitude star Delta Andromedæ by Oct. 15.

CERTAINLY, in Paris the art of combining entertainment, instruction, and economy is carried to perfection. The Grand Palais, in which the two Salons are housed for three months in the year, is now turned into a marvellous "multum in parvo" for the masses. You pay one franc, in return for which you have a veritable exhibition of arts and industry in miniature, a first-rate concert of military music, demonstrations, without a fraction of cost, of radium, electro-magnetism, and many recent developments of mechanical science; in addition to these, models of apparatus and appliances connected with the saving of life on shore and at sea, also submarine boats and the equipment of divers; in fact, science up to date. It was interesting to note the number of workmen and citizens with their families in the "queue" at the doors of the two tents devoted to radium.

WHAT was blazoned forth recently as the discovery in Florence of the philosopher's stone is now more tamely stated to be the invention of a new metal, composed of copper, iron, and infinitesimal portions of silver, radium, and phosphorus. The chief secret lies in the phosphorus. It is claimed by the patentees that Radium Argentiferum, as they call it, is stronger than steel, does not oxydise, is a better conductor than copper, and can be manufactured in large quantities at one-tenth of the cost of bronze. Therefore they expect that it will be largely used in making cannon, munitions, &c, and that it will supersede copper in electric wires. The discoverers, two engineers named Travaglini and Fabiani, were reduced to poverty by their investigations. One day Travaglini, enraged at his non-success, threw his last two-franc piece into the crucible. That day his family had dry bread, says an interviewer in the "Tribuna"; to-day he is a "millionaire"—in francs. The invention would not be taken up by Italian capitalists, so the two men went to Paris, and the rights of manufacture have been bought by a Belgian electrical company.

THE St. Louis negro who has undertaken to "leap into the Mississippi from Gad's Bridge and put an end to his life" if Roosevelt fails to be sent back to the White House has made a startling departure from the harmless if eccentric wagers that are usually made on the result of the Presidential Election. These wagers generally take a grotesque form, and are the cause of much innocent amusement; like that of the man who four years ago undertook, if McKingley were defeated to walk up to John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, and pull the great man's ears; or that Broadway store-clerk who found himself committed to wear a brimless silk hat rubbed the wrong way for a whole month. An enthusiastic lady admirer of Bryan staked a thousand kisses against twenty-five steers on his success; a Chicago man, whose faith in Bryan was misplaced, had to allow himself to be wheeled through the streets in a perambulator attired in baby's clothes and sucking at a feeding-bottle; and a Wall Street broker had to walk along one of the principal streets of New York attired in a night garment and reciting "Mary had a little lamb."

MR. JOSEPH CARR, Crown Solicitor for County Antrim, is but one of a goodly army of men and women who have lived to enjoy their own post-mortem appreciations. When Miss Lottie Collins was reported dead she reassured the public by informing it that a "livelier corpse never kicked;" and the Rev. Cunningham Geikie, of Bournemouth, not long ago assured the editors who had been sitting on his body that he was "very much alive, thank you." Blondin, of Niagara fame, was once sent prematurely to his grave behind its snow-white horses; Captain Mayne Reid was killed several times by cold type before he yielded up the ghost; Lord Brougham read his virtues and failing in a column of the "Times," and Sir George Berkeley read his obituary appreciation, also in the "Times," aloud at his breakfast-table. The Earl of Liverpool received an ambiguous apology once for being interred before he was dead? Mr. Bankroft, the actor, was buried in print in place of his namesake the historian; and among many others who have seen themselves in the light of immediate posterity have been Mr. Leonard Courtney, Mr. Agustine Birrell, Mr. F. Locker-Sampson, Miss Edna Lyall, and Sir Robert Ball the astronomer, not to mention all these shut up in Pekin at the outset of the Boxer insurrection.

THE DEATH VOW.

A STRANGE BRETON SUPERSTITION.

IN that land of old romance, Lower Brittany where the people still retain their ancient Celtic language, there are probably more saints to the square mile than in any other part of Europe. In fact, much of the quaint charm of the country arises from the curious traditions and rites attaching to the worship of the local saints of each parish. Their "pardon," or festival, is one of the few picturesque customs that obtain in modern France. Few of these patron saints are recognised at Rome. They have been canonised informally by the people themselves. Some of them seem to have been Irish and Scottish monks who came over with the Bretons in the emigrations from England during the Saxon invasion. Others, such as Sant Guer Teirtron of St. Venec, near Briec, whose statue is that of a woman with three breasts, with much in common with Venus Genetrix, do not appear to be of Christian origin.

But Sant Erwan of Treguier is the strangest of Breton saints, says a writer in the "Pall Mall Gazette." He was born in the thirteenth century in the little sequestered cathedral town on the northern coast, which is now, perhaps, better known as the birthplace of Earnest Renan. It is said of him in a medieval hymn in his honour:

Advocatus sed non fatro.
Res miranda populo—

that he was a lawyer and yet not a thief—a thing so wonderful, it would seem, in those times that when he died the people made a saint of him, in order, we may suppose, to encourage other members of his profession to follow his example. But, sad to say, as soon as he was canonised Sant Erwan's character began to change for the worse. And although a grand new tomb has recently been built for him in Treguier cathedral, and his festival re-established in great solemnity with a procession of eight hundred priests and some fifty thousand pilgrims, Sant Erwan is now little better than the most abandoned heathen. Popular superstition has, in fact, transformed him into one of those ancient divinities of the Celtic races who, disguised in name and appearance, still exercise a certain authority over the minds of the more ignorant peasants of Lower Brittany.

His shrine is somewhat difficult to find, and although it has been described by M. Anatole Le Braz, I spent some days making inquiries before I discovered it. It is now merely a patch of potato ground on the bank of the river Jaudy, opposite Treguier. Here, until recent years, there stood one of those grim charnel-houses of the middle ages, which remain in many out-of-the-way spots in Brittany. Among other statues, it contained a peculiarly venerated image of Sant Erwan, and to this people used to come on pilgrimage, barefooted and often scantily clad, from all parts of the Celtic-speaking province. They were persons suffering under some sense of wrong, who wished to invoke the saint to put to death those who had injured them. The death vow was made for many purposes, but chiefly to settle some bitter dispute or avenge some supposed perversion of justice. Having made a procession with a lighted taper four times around the charnel-house, the pilgrim entered the building, and placed the light near the statue. Then, after reciting certain prayers backwards, he made the vow in the customary plural form! "Sant Erwan, thou art the little saint of truth? We vow to thee so-and-so. If they are in the right condemn us. If we are in the right condemn them, and make them to wither up and to die in the appointed time."

The person who had been vowed to Sant Erwan was expected to die within one year. The trouble occurred when he did not. One terrible case is notorious. A Breton peasant who was thought to have gained a lawsuit by perjury was vowed to death by those who had lost the case. A year went by without anything happening to him, and one day he was found murdered in a shed. It was strongly suspected that the unsuccessful litigants had done somewhat more than hasten the saint in the work of retribution, but the crime could not be brought home to them.

In order to put an end to the superstition the parish priest of Tredarzec had the charnel-house destroyed, and concealed the statue in his house Unfortunately he chanced soon afterwards to die, and the people looked upon his death as the act of Sant Erwan. A legend, related that three strangers came to Tredarzec, and, asked to be permitted to kneel before the statue in the garret. The priest was very angry, and telling them that they were scoundrels, and that the saint had nothing to do with their murderous prayers, he dismissed them. "Very well," replied one of them, as they went away, "the three of us summon you to his judgment seat." The servant who had admitted them was so terrified by what they said that she could not go to sleep that night. As she lay awake in the darkness, she caught the sound of heavy footsteps descending the garret stairs. They came along the corridor, but she was too afraid to stir. She heard a door open, then a cry, followed by a long groan and a stifling cough. Next morning the priest was found lying dead in his bed, with a sheet drawn over his face.

Such legends as this keep alive the custom of the death-vow. Now that the shrine and the statue have disappeared, the saint is supposed to come every night to the site of the charnel-house, where, all unseen, he remains until dawn registering the vows that are made to him. At the present day, the strange superstition is current not only among the peasants, but among the townspeople. Talking about it with some Trecorrais women of the lower class, in the very shadow of Renan's statue, I was given the names—which I have forgotten—of three persons who were believed to have died in recent times in consequence of their having been vowed to Sant Erwan. As in most of the pilgrimages in Lower Brittany, the visit is often made by procuration. I remember when at last I had been recommended to a wild-looking beggar as a man who would guide me to the shrine, he brought me about eleven o'clock at night to the place, and, falling on his knees, mumbled some prayers, and then asked me in very broken French whose name it was I wanted him to mention.

No doubt the superstitious rite became attached to Sant Erwan owing to his reputation as a lawyer. One can even now trace in Breton folk-lore the more primitive figure to which it belonged. This is Ankon, a terrible apparition that haunts the desolate places of Lower Brittany. Anyone that meets him is certain to die within the year. There used to be an image of him in the church of Ploumillin, where he was invoked in the manner of Sant Erwan. A woman of the village, having vowed to Ankon someone who had done her an injury, was disappointed to fine that the person in question did not perish in the time appointed. Thinking to remind Ankon of his duty and ensure his goodwill, she decked him out in a new coat of paint. However, the priest noticed that the statue had been repainted, and an explanation led to Ankon being relegated to the lumber room behind the sacristy. It is said that wise women and wizards also exist, who are able to put upon any person a curse which will cause him to die. These sorcerers are, perhaps, still consulted by some of the peasants; but it is a more terrible menace to threaten to vow anybody to Sant Erwan. A saint who possesses a fine monument in a cathedral, and whose festival is famous throughout Lower Brittany, is more powerful than witches or mere phantoms of the night like Ankon.

As the Bretons are closely connected with the Welsh, it is not surprising to find traces of a similar superstition among the latter. I do not know if St. Elian, to whom a well near Llandudno is dedicated is the same person as Sant Erwan, but in former times persons used to resort to St. Elian's Well for the purpose of invoking curses upon the heads of their enemies. The tradition, however, has long since been forgotten in Wales.

LORD RANFURLY, late Governor of New Zealand, who has returned to his Irish home at Dungannon, expresses his approval of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy. "The Bill which received the royal assent last year granting preferential trade between New Zealand and the Empire," he said to an "Express" representative, "gave a preference to certain articles only, and was really a temporary measure. Its scope will be extended when there is Free Trade or anything approaching it throughout the Empire. The Bill is properly described as a preferential Bill, and at the present time it is conseding an advantage of about £60,000 a year to the Empire as a whole."

MANCHURIA SITUATION.

RUSSIAN REPORT DENIED.

PORT ARTHUR SIEGE.

THE GARRISON'S HEROISM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, OCTOBER 5.

Russian telegrams report a series of outpost skirmishes in various districts along the Russian front, but they indicate no essential change in the situation.

The Russians estimate that 2,00,000 Japanese are facing General Kuropatkin.

Prices at Vladivostock are so high that steps are being taken to fix a legal tariff, the infringement of which will be punishable by heavy fines.

The Chinese merchants there are winding up their affairs, otherwise life in the town is normal.

The navigation of the River Amur closes about the middle of October.

A message to the "Daily Telegraph" from Chifoo says that a fierce gale is raging in the Yellow Sea, and that a Japanese torpedo flotilla has been compelled to take shelter and has received much damage.

Seven hundred Japanese expelled from Siberia have arrived at Bremerhaven where they embark for Japan.

The Consul for Japan in Bombay, received the following telegram yesterday morning from his Government :—

On the 30th September last about fifty of the Russian Cavalry were found burning native junks on the Hunho, when prevented by firing from Japanese troops on both banks.

The Russian report of burning seventeen junks, laden with Japanese ammunition, is entirely false.

It is believed that this report is intended to excuse the wanton destruction by the Russians of junks in order to prevent the Japanese from using them.

Colombo telegrams, dated October 5th, state :—

Prince Radziwill, an officer in the Russian Army, has reached Chifu from Port Arthur with despatches from Stoessel to Kuropatkin. He paints the situation there in most lurid colours, and describes the temper of the belligerents as absolutely merciless.

General Stoessel warned the garrison to resist to the last, since they would undoubtedly be massacred by the enemy if they surrendered.

Three hundred nurses, who where advised to leave the fortress, declared they preferred a massacre to desertion of duty.

The stench of unburried corpses compels the sentries constantly to keep handkerchiefs, soaked with camphor, to their noses.

As illustrating the ferocity of the combatants, the Prince mentions that during the recent assault, two companies of Japanese hoisted a white flag which the Russians disregarded, while the Japanese in the rear, disaproving of surrender, shot down six hundred of their comrades.

Wounded soldiers have been seen hopelessly appealing for succour a week at a stretch.

Prince Radziwill himself saw a Japanese with his teeth in a Russian's throat; whilst the Russian's fingers were gouging out his opponent's eyes.

Five thousand out of eight thousand wounded have resumed duty.

Prince Radziwill states that on the 14th September he saw two thousand Japanese dead between the second and third forts.

He was unable to explain the slaughter which this ghastly spectacle indicated.

A company of Russian Infantry, occupying a perilous outpost near Port Arthur, sent a message to the General Officer Commanding, stating that they were unable to hold the position. "But you can die" was Stoessel's reply, and they died.

Madame Stoessel is foremost among the Red Cross workers at Port Arthur. She is constantly in the hospitals, caring for the wounded.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LADY CURZON'S ILLNESS.

Signs of a Relapse.

LONDON, OCT. 4.

Lady Curzon passed a disturbed night and is not quite so well to-day.

LONDON, OCTOBER 5.

Lady Curzon passed a quiet night last night and her condition is somewhat better than yesterday.

THE TROOPING SEASON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA OCTOBER 5.

The transport Soudan is due at Bombay on 14th inst with the 2nd Cheshires and drafts.

Marine steamer Hardinge sailed from Berbera 1st Monday for Karachi and Bombay with 101st Grenadiers and details. She brings 113th Infantry from Karachi to Bombay.

The Chitral reliefs marched to Warai on the 4th all well.

123rd Outram's Rifles left Aden for Bombay in the Steamer Clive on the 4th inst and go to Rajkot. The two companies of 109th Infantry now at Rajkot rejoin regimental Head-quarters at Ahmedabad on the arrival of the 123rd Rifles.

Section 30th Mountation Battery from Tibet arrives at Silliguri on the 10th inst and proceeds to Fort William to await the arrival there of the remainder of the Battery en route to Burma.

12th Company of Sappers and Miners left Siliguri on the 1st inst.

One wing of 23rd Pioneers arrives at Mean-Meer on 6th inst. and picks up the depot of the Regiment and continues its rail journey to Jhelum.

The wing of the Royal Scots Fusiliers being no longer required at Lebong returns to Allahabad forthwith.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

UNREST IN CHINA.

Less Alarming Reports.

NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY.

LONDON, OCT. 4.

Reuter (Peking) says that the latest information regarding the unrest among the Chinese is more reassuring and the opinion at the Legations is that there is no cause for anxiety.

FRANCE AND SPAIN.

The Question of Morocco.

AN AGREEMENT CONCLUDED.

It is reported in Paris that Spain and France have practically concluded an Agreement regarding the delimitation of the spheres of influence in Morocco and Tetuan.

Tangier is to be included in the Spanish sphere. The Agreement, however, will not become operative for a term of years.

IMPERIAL FISCAL UNION.

Mr. Balfour's Proposal.

A FREE CONFERENCE.

Mr. Balfour, in his Edinburgh speech, proposed that representatives from self-governing Colonies, India and Great Britain should meet to discuss, in the most free manner and not bound by any special instructions, whether a fiscal union commends itself to them and, if so, how can it be carried out.

It must, he said, be expressly understood that the discussions of such a conference be submitted to the respective electorates.

LONDON, OCTOBER 5.

Mr. Balfour's speech at Edinburgh is most variously interpreted, some consider it gives a helping hand to Mr. Chamberlain's policy, whilst others as deferring an Imperial Zollverein to the distant future.

Mr. Chamberlain will speak at Luton to-night.

THE LHASSA TREATY.

Convention not Yet Ratified.

Regarding the Lhassa agreement the India Office states that the convention still awaits the ratification of the Viceroy and that the terms are not yet finally settled.

SAD DEATH OF A POETESS.

SUICIDE OF MRS. NICHOLSON.

AUTHORESS OF "THE GARDEN OF KAMA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, OCTOBER 5.

I regret to record the death by her own hand of Mrs. Nicholson who poisoned herself at Dunmore House yesterday afternoon. The deceased was the widow of the late Major-General Nicholson, Bombay Army, who died recently at Mackay's Gardens' Nursing Home. She came to Madras some time ago and was staying at Dunmore House. It is stated that she had never been quite rational in behaviour since her husband's death and had been medically attended since her arrival in Madras. Yesterday afternoon she was taken violently ill. She was attended by Major Giffard, I.M.S., and Surgeon-Major Clarence Smith and found to be suffering from poisoning by corrosive sublimate. All the remedies administered proved ineffectual and she died at 4 p.m. The inquest was held this morning at Dunmore House by District Inspector Bradbury when the jury returned a verdict of death from the effects perchloride of mercury poisoning self-administered while in a state of temporary insanity.

The unfortunate lady was the authoress of "The Garden of Kama" and "Stars of the Desert" recently published under the pen name of "Lawrence Hope" by Messrs. Heinmann.

EMBEZZLEMENT OF TREASURY FUND.

SUSPICION AGAINST OFFICIALS.

A serious embezzlement has been discovered in the Sub-Treasury at Yercaud by the treasury Deputy Collector of Salem while conducting the annual inspection of the sub-treasury. A sum of Rs. 96 was found to be deficient and the shroff on being called upon to explain disclaimed all responsibility as the cash balance had been certified correct on the previous evening by the Deputy Tahsildar. The money was at once made good by the Deputy Tahsildar. Next day when the money was taken out of the treasury for the day's transaction, it was found that the bag which ought to have contained Rs. 1,000 contained a larger sum. The Treasury Deputy Collector examined the money contained in the bag and found it consisted of counterfeit and uncurrent coin. The money in the Treasury being checked by weighment only by the Treasury Deputy Collector and counterfeit and uncurrent coin being lighter than the genuine coins, a larger number of these coins had evidently been put into the bag to bring up the weight to correct weight of a Rs. 1,000 bag. The Deputy Tahsildar has been suspended pending the result of the enquiry and the shroff has been arrested and is in custody.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Colonel F. W. Trevor, R.A.M.C., Principal Medical Officer, is granted one month's privilege leave in India from the 12th instant or from such date as he will avail himself of it.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. Sarkies, I.M.S., will perform his duties during his absence.

On the departure of Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. Sarkies for Poona, Major J. H. Curties, R.A.M.C., will perform his duties.

On the arrival of the 1st Battalion Highland Light Infantry in the transport Sicilia expected on the 3rd November, the Officer Commanding that unit is authorised to despatch an advance party consisting of one Officer and 40 Non-Commissioned Officers and men to Chakrata to take over institutes, &c., from the 2nd Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who are under orders to proceed to Agra.

ARRIVALS, OCTOBER 5.

Captain Keogh, 32nd Lancers, from England.
Captain Garratt. R.S.O, for Mahrattas from Ahmednagar.
2nd-Lieutenant Hastings, 92nd Punjabis, from Bangalore.

DEPARTURES, OCTOBER 5,

Lieutenant Salvin, R.G.A., to Agra.
Captain Bromhead, 2nd Goorkhas, to Dehra Doon.
Lieutenant Drake, I.M.S., to Umballa.
Lieutenant Drake, 1st Lincoln Regt., to Secunderabad.
Lieutenant Molesworth, R.E., to Poona.
Lieutenant Cooper, 2nd Suffolk Regt. to Karachi.
Lieutenant Boothby, 2nd Royal Scots. to Kamptee.
2nd-Lieutenant Allen, 1st East Surrey Regt., to Quetta.
Lieutenant Anderson, I.M.S., to Karachi.
Captain Garratt, R.S.O., for Mahrattas, to Sholapur

POONA AND KIRKEE HUNT.

POINT TO POINT RACES.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT]

POONA, OCTOBER 5.

The Poona hunting season closed to-day with the point to point races which were held this afternoon. The meet was on the Nagar Road, a distance of five and a half miles out, and there was a large gathering. The Stewards of the Poona and Kirkee hunt point to point races are to be congratulated for bringing such a big programme to the public. The fields were very large in two events which were never witnessed before. Lieutenant-Colonel Bull, Honorary Secretary deserves thanks for selecting the nice spot which was rather good distance from Poona, but was an open one. In the Wagholi Cup eight started. Ena was a hot favourite. Mr. Stewart's Majestic just managed to secure the verdict by a head. Mamony gave trouble in running and the owner had a fall.

In the Poona Hunt Cup eleven trotted out. Colonel Bull's Welshman was soon installed favourite and won the race comfortably.

In the Pony Hunt Cup six went to the post. Major England's Coronation was a hot favourite and did not disappoint his backers.

The big field of the day was the Light Weights Cup for which eighteen started. Runaway Girl was installed favourite but Mr. Casson's Timoor well ridden by owner, snatched the race from Colonel Bull's Twilight, The favourite was nowhere.

After the races were over Mrs. Sherringham, wife of Colonel Sherringham, master of the fox hounds, distributed the prizes to the winners,

The cups were very handsome ones. The officials of the meeting were :—Stewards : Colonel A. Sheringham M. F. H, and the Hunt Committee. Executive Committee Mr. A. Lucas, I. C. S. Major P. England, R F. Mr. S. Armstrong, Lt.-Col. G. H. Bull, I.M.S. Hon. Secretary, Starter, Mr. C. A. Beatty ; Judge, Lieut. Col. Hazelton, I. V. O. ; Clerk of the Scales, Mr Cursetji Dhunjeeshaw, and Hon, Secretary Lieut. Col. G. H. Bull I.M.S., The following are the details :—

THE WAGHOLI CUP. Winner—A Silver Cup presented by Colonel H. Lucas, I. A. A Point to Point Race (open) for Ponies 14-1 and under. Catch weights over—English and Colonials 12st. Arabs and C. B's 10st. 7lbs.—Distance about 2 miles.

Mr F Stewart's g a h Majestic 10st 7lbs .... Mr G Kennedy 1
Major England's blk aust m Ena 12st......Owner 2
Maj Guy Moore's b cb g Ding 10st 7lbs Owner... 3
Captain Benn's b a p Saturn 10st 7lbs.................. Mr S M McCausland 0
Mr Wright's c b m Mamoni 10st 7lbs.........Owner 0
Mr D Graham's b a p Johad 10st 7lbs......Owner 0
Major Edward's g a h Kazoan 10st 7lbs......Owner 0
Mr A Lucas's g a h Promise 10st 7lbs...Mr Casson 0
Maj Guy Moore's b eng m Faustine 12st 0
Maj Guy Moore's c a g Champion 10st 7lbs 0
Mr W H Anderson's c a p Actor 10st 7lbs..Owner 0

Betting 2 to 1 on Ena, fours Saturn, Mamoni Promise, Ding and Champion and fives the others.

Majestic led from Ding. The field came out of the second dip when Ena took the command round the country to the final flag when Majestic came out and won by a head. Promise with Mr. Casson sprained his right foreleg badly. Mr. Wright came down from Mamoni.

THE POONA HUNT CUP. Winner—A Silver Bow, presented by Lieut-General Sir Archibald Hunter K. C. B., D. S. O. A Point to Point Race for horses the property of Subscribers and which have been fairly and regularly hunted with the P. and K. Foxhounds during this season. Certificate from M. F. H. To be ridden by owners. Catch weights over—English and Colonials 12st. 7lbs. C. B's 11st. Arabs 10st. 7lbs. Allowances—Ponies 14 hands and under allowed 7lbs.—Distance about 3 1-2 miles.

Lieut-Col Bull's I M S' b aust g Welshman 12st 7lbs ....Owner 1
Mr S Armstrong's blk aust m Lock Maree 12st 7lbs ....Owner 2
Mr Boase's b aust g Dawn 12st 7lbs.............Owner 3
Capt Holbrooke's c aust g Rover 12st 7lbs..Owner 0
Capt Maynell's b aust g Melton 12st 7lbs...Owner 0
Col Sheringham's b aust g Walnut 12st 7lbs...... ....Owner 0
Lt-Col G H Bull's I M S' gr Irish m Twilight 12st 7lbs ....Owner 0
Mr A Lucas's g cb m Little Mary 11st ...Owner 0
Lt-Col Channer's I M S' c aust g Chester 12st 7lbs ....Owner 0
Capt Holbrook's blk aust m Midnight 12st 7lbs ....Owner 0
Mr W H Anderson's ch aust m Mermaid 12st 7lbs ....Owner 0
Capt Northern's b aust m Maggie 12st 7lbs.Owner 0
Mr Alston's br b aust g Neptune 12st 7lbs..Owner 0

Betting twos Welshman, fours Walnut, Melton and Gochmee, sixes Rover and Midnight, and eights the others.

Welshman went away with Maggie and Dawn. At the second dip Lock Marree came along splendidly. Midnight fell in a stony place, but was not hurt. Welshman won easily by seven lengths. Dawn who came third and was hurt.

The Poona Pony Hunt Cup. Winner—A silver Cup presented by Colonel Sheringham M. F. H. A Point to Point Race for A and C. B. ponies 14-2 and under, English and Colonials 14-1 and under the property of subscribers and which have been fairly and regularly hunted with the P. and K. Foxhounds during this season. Certificate from Mr. F. H, Catch weights over English and Colonials 11st. 7lbs. Arabs and C. Bs 10st. Penalties—Ponies not ridden by their owners to carry 7lbs. extra.—Distance about 2 1-2 miles

Maj. P England's br aust m Coronation 11st 7lbs .... Owner 1
Mr Wright's cb g Spec 10st.......................Owner 2
Mr A Lucas's b a p Metusaleh 10st 7lbs ....Mr Gasson 3
Maj H H Butler's g a p Spanker 10st 7lbs............ ....Mr. E Gwynne 0
Mr A O Creagh's g c b m Penelope 10st......Owner 0
Mrs C A Beatty's b c b m Vigilance 10st 7lbs...... 0
Mr Kendall's b aust m Sand Grouse 11st 7lbs ....Owner 0

Betting 3 to 2 Coronation, threes Spanker and Spec, twos Vigilance and fours the others.

Spec and Spanker were going strong at first, and out of the first dip Vigilance came on third but did not improve the position and fell back. Coronation at the turn came out and won by six lengths, same distance between second and third.

The Light Weight Cup.—Winner—A Silver Cup presented by A. Lucas Esq., I.C.S. A Point to Point Race (open) for bona fide Hunter, Pigsticker and Chargers which have not started for a race of any kind (Closed Races excepted) during the past three months. Catch weights over—English and Colonials 11st. 7lbs. C Bs 10st. 7lbs. Arabs 10st. Allowances—Ponies 14 hands and under allow 7lbs.—Distance about 3 2-1 miles.

Mr Casson's b aust g Timoor 11st 7lbs...... ..Owner 1
Lt Col G H Bull's I M S g aust g Twilight 11st 7lbs......... ....Owner 2
Major Wogan Browne's b aust g Domino 11st 7lbs...Owner 3
Mr W H Anderson's ch aust m Mermaid 11st 7lbs...Owner 0
Lt Col G H Bull's I M S b aust g Welshman 11st 7lbs ....Owner 0
Mr R B Cousen's b aust m Resurgan 11st 7lbs ....Owner 0
Col Hume Henderson's b aust m Harkaway 11st 7lbs..............................Mr E L H Henderson 0
Mr D. Graham's blk aust g Spartan 11st 7lbs ....Owner 0
Miss Hay's c aust g Awaking 11st 7lbs........ ....Capt Dennistoun 0
Mr Kenndy's aust g Folly 11st 7lbs...........Owner 0
Miss Anderson's b aust g Maxim 11st 7lbs ....Mr Anderson 0
Major England's o aust g Tippookhana 11st 7lbs ....Owner 0
Major Edwards' ch aust m Runaway Girl 11st 7lbs...Owner 0
Lt Col Channer's I M S b aust g Jenny 11st 7lbs ....Owner 0
Mr S Armstrong's blk aust m Loch Maree 11st 7lbs...Owner 0
Maj G Moore's br aust Mimosa 11st 7lbs....Owner 0
Capt Hopwood's c aust g Monsieur Beaucaire 11st 7lbs...Owner 0
Mr Kearsey's ch aust Barluck 11st 7lbs ....Capt Grove 0
Mr Sarson's c aust g Auburn 11st 7lbs... ...Owner 0
Mr Alston's b aust m Temptress 11st 7lbs...Owner 0
Mr Evans Gwynne's br aust m Stricks 11st 7lbs ....Owner 0

Betting: evens on Runaway Girl, threes Mermaid, Tippookhana and Timoor, fours Harkaway and Twilight, fives Jenny and Barluck, and long odds the rest

Awaking brought its rider down at the start. The field spread out and went away at a sparking pace. Bell led the straggling field. At the rise from the second dip Runaway Girl had a clear lead and was joined by Timoor, the pair running together. Twilight which had fallen back came up Harkway also being conspicuous. Timoor went a little wide at the home turn, but made up quickly. Runaway Girl having fallen back Timoor won by four lengths. A head between second and third.

THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT KOLHAPUR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KOLHAPUR, OCTOBER 3.

AFTER visiting the Jayasingrao Ghatge Technical School, H. E. the Governor was present at the "speech day" gathering at the Rajaram College where he distributed the prizes.

The foundation stone of this building was laid in the year 1870, by his Highness, the late Rajaram Maharaj, the Grand-father of the present Maharaja. The design of it was prepared by Major Mant, the renowned Royal Architetural Engineer in the service of the Bombay Government. The building which is two-storied was completed in the year 1874, at a cost of about five lacs of Rupees and is named the Rajaram College in memory of its worthy founder whose bust in marble has been placed in the central hall. The building furnishes accommodation for about 300 students and was the first building erected in Kolhapur in modern fashion. In 1880, a College Class and a special Sirdar's Class were attached to the institution. The College Class is affiliated to the Bombay University and teaches up to the Intermediate examination. For the encouragement of education this institution has been endowed with three sets of Scholarships. In honour of the visit to Bombay in 1870, of his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, the Alfred Scholarships were founded and a sum of Rs. 45,000 was invested in Government Securities. The fund now amounts to Rs. 51,000. In memory of his Highness the late Rajaram Maharaj Scholarships were founded in 1871, for the encouragement of High School students, the funds of which amount to Rs. 21,000. The third set is of Peta and Sansthan Exhibitions which are conferred upon students from the districts who join the Rajaram High School. Besides the library intended for the use of professors, masters and students in the College, there is an institution called the poor boys' library started for the benefit of the poor students who cannot afford to buy class and other books. A laboratory for conducting experiments has been well stocked. Drawing and agricultural classes and a model farm have all been attached to the college. Adequate provision has been made for physical education in drill, gymnasium and Dumbell classes and the spacious play grounds set apart for the use of the College are fully utilized by the students who take a keen interest in such outdoor games as cricket, tennis, football, &c., and they also are not behind in tasting the pleasures of boating on the Panchganga and the Rankala waters. The total cost of maintenance of this institution amounted to Rs. 42,275 in the year 1903-04. The total number on the roll on the 31st March 1904, was 296 with daily average attendance of 254.

SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR.

Lord Lamington in addressing the gathering, said :—

Your Highness, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—As the Principal mentioned in his report, this is the first time I have visited one of the Native States of the Presidency, and I think also it is the first time that I ever attended a meeting in India in connection with an educational establishment that has been conducted under auspices quite apart from the control of the Government of Bombay. Therefore it has a special and peculiar interest to me, for I am a great believer in work that is done outside of Government control. And I am glad to have heard a report read out to-day, which testifies, as I understand it, to the very fair success attained by various students going forth from these college walls. I hope that by their assiduity and constancy in work in the future they will justify to a yet greater extent the pains taken to give them the mental equipment necessary for them to hold their own when they go forth into the larger world. I think there is one very interesting side light that shows that the students do take interest and pay attention to the training given them, from the incident alluded to by Mr. Lucy when he said that though a great many of them lived during the worst of the plague in the segregation camp they were still very regular in their attendance at lectures. I am very glad to have the opportunity of hearing these recitations, which were, I consider, very well given. They were not by any means easy subjects as they were spoken. I think, with a thorough understanding and appreciation of what the words were intended to convey. Only one little criticism occurred to me. Two reciters seemed to speak when inhaling their breath, and I may tell anyone, that not only is it impossible to speak distinctly when inhaling, but also it is far less fatiguing to deliver your remarks on your breath, and also, incidentally, it helps to develope the physique to take a full breath and speak on it. The report also informed us what had been done in the technical school, and I had the satisfaction of paying the school a visit this morning early with his Highness. I certainly may say I was quite unexpecting to see the very up-to-date methods that pertain in that institution. Also, I saw what was being done and what had been done by pupils there. This afternoon, I believe, I am to be allowed to see the agricultural farm that is mentioned in the report, and I shall take great interest in seeing what are the methods of teaching agriculture there and also I hope to hear in the future as to what part in agricultural progress these pupils take who have received training and have attained success at the Agricultural School, and it will be interesting to see whether they are able to apply in their own lines the training that they have received and the education that they have been given in agricultural matters. It is certainly very satisfactory to learn the great numbers that attend the High School, and also the large increase of numbers that come to the college. Mention has been made of the boarding school in which his Highness takes so much interest.

THE MARATHI BOARDING SCHOOL,

has for its object the education of the backward classes. It is not long ago that I had a petition in the interests of one of these backward classes which pointed out the disabilities under which they labour in life, and I do not believe any greater philanthropic work can be undertaken by anybody in high position than to try and do something to give a better start to those who are thrown out of the ordinary organisation and employments of life. There is one other subject of which I should like to make mention in reference to the progress of this college. As most of us who are here assembled must be aware, this college was started not only on behalf of the State of Kolhapur, but also on behalf of the feudatory States grouped around. And I believe up to the present time many students who come within its walls come from those feudatory States. The basis the whole idea of the origination of this institution, was on the understanding that there should be contributions and support given by the feudatory Chiefs. For one reason or another, since about two years ago that support has been withheld, but I would appeal to the Chiefs that though there may be no absolutely binding agreement, yet I understand this college would never have been established unless it was understood that it would be maintained with the co-operation of the feudatory Chiefs. So I should consider that there rest a solemn obligation upon them, if they can, to further support the interests of this college. At the same time I recognise that those who are able to give these contributions no doubt may say we should like to have some control or some voice in the affairs of the college. And, therefore, I think they might quite well represent that they should be given opportunities of being consulted and that there might be a consultative committee in regard to the affairs and workings of this institution. I do not say they should have a share in the direct control but if they renew their contribution I do not think it would be out of place that there might be formed a consultative committee of these who give assistance. I think the example of his Highness the Maharajah should be an incentive in this direction when we consider the liberality with which he has maintained the college. five per cent. of those attending the college, and five per cent. of those attending the High School have all fees remitted. When you remember all he had done for that Maratha Boarding School, to which I have already alluded, I think he does indeed set an example to all those who are able to do so in the vicinity that they should give likewise in the interests of education. With these remarks I can only express may appreciation of being present on this occasion, and also I thank you here for the kindness with which you have received me in your midst. (Loud applause.)

His Excellency then distributed the prizes and the proceedings terminated with the presentation of flowers.

AHILYABAI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

His Excellency then paid a visit to the Ahilyabai Girls' School. There are in all five girls' schools in the town of Kolhapur of which this is the largest and first in point of importance. The School house was built in the year 1881-82 at a total cost of Rs. 35,000. It is named after the present Maharaja's great grand-mother, a lady known for her piety and love of learning. The School house furnishes accommodation for about 250 girls and 6 standards are taught in it. Provision is made to impart instruction to pupils in all the branches of learning requisite for the girls such as cooking, needle work, embroidery, drawing, &c. The School is managed by a native lady who is Superintendent of the female education under the general supervision of the Educational Inspector, Kolhapur. The number at present on the roll is 218 and the daily average attendance is 102. The total cost of maintenance of this single institution last year was Rs. 17,300.

His Highness then came to the Residency in a motor-car and took his Excellency to visit the Veterinary Dispensary and the State Paddock. The Veterinary Dispensary of Kolhapur is located in the buildings of the State cattle-farm near the Padmala tank. There is a separate sick-ward and rooms for the dispensary and office and quarters for the dresser. The dispensary is in charge of Mr. S. B. Kulkarni, who is a graduate of the Bombay Veterinary College and has received special instructions in preventive inoculation against rinderpest in the Imperial Laboratory at Muktesar. The dispensary is open for out-patients from 6 to 9 a. m., and provision is also made for the treatment of in-patients. No fees are charged for treatment and attendance and animals belonging to poor cattle owners admitted as in-patients are fed gratis. The average yearly expenditure for the three years from 1900-01 to 1902-1903 including salaries and charges for medicines, &c., and for feeding in-patients, is Rs. 2,150. The average yearly attendance of patients for the three years is 975. Cattle-owners from the town of Kolhapur and villages in the Kolhapur and Southern Maratha States and Belgaum and Satara districts bring their sick animals for treatment. Castration operations are performed and the patients are fed free of any charge. The dispensary proved of special value in the years 1895 and 1896, when there were out-breaks of foot and mouth disease and cattle plague. In the year 1899-1900, a famine cattle relief camp was attached to it which proved very useful to poor famine-stricken cattle owners.

The State Paddock is situated about 2 1/2 miles to the South-East of the town. It was started in 1890, by Colonel Wodehouse, the then Political Agent. The building has an accommodation for 75 animals, including 27 loose-boxes for brood-mares. The quarters for the Superintendent and servants and a small dispensary are also provided. The Paddock is divided into two parts new and old, where the animals are let loose, there being plenty of good grass and water for them. A few grass-sheds to shelter the animals and water tubs are placed to supply them with water when they feel the necessity for it. At the ringing of a bell the animals are taught to run to the stables at regular hours where they are groomed and given their usual feed of corn while at other times they are let loose to enjoy the full advantage of exercise in the open air. At present there are 21 brood-mares, 10 colts, 9 fillies, 1 teaser, 1 Australian stallion and 1 Persian donkey in the Paddock. The number of stallions in the State is four, 2 English T. B., 1 Australian and 1 Arab. A new shed for the accommodation of four stallions is being erected close to the Paddock and will shortly be ready for use. During the five years from 1899 to 1903, the Paddock bred 36 colts and 33 fillies, the average being 14 per year. Some of these were sent to the Red-Rissalla and serve as mounts while some more were sent to the New Palace where they work both in saddle and in harness. The working and progress of the Paddock is keenly watched by his Highness and Colonel Ferris, Political Agent, both of whom often pay visits to it.

STATE BANQUET AT KOLHAPUR.

DHUPDHAL, OCTOBER 4.

On Monday evening at Kolhapur, the Governor was entertained at a banquet at the Maharaja's new palace. The building and ground were beautifully illuminated, a guard-of-honour presented arms as his Excellency drove up and the band played the National Anthem. There were thirty-three guests at dinner and his Highness came in after dinner and proposed the health of the King-Emperor, and afterwards the health of the Governor making a good speech. His Excellency replied in very happy fashion and called upon the assembled guests to drink to the health of the Maharaja which was drunk with much enthusiasm.

After dinner a reception of the feudatories, officials and non-officials, of the State was held and the Governor, after all had been presented, moved about and spoke to the guests. About a quarter to eleven, the Governor accompanied by His Highness and the Political Agent drove to the station where another guard-of-honour paid the usual salutes. After saying good-bye to the Maharaja, Col. Ferris, and the feudatories and other gentlemen on the platform the train left for Gokak.

GOKAK IRRIGATION WORKS.

This morning the Governor went on to see the Gokak Tank and Canal. The tank was fairly full. Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hill, C. I. E., Mr. Beale of the P. W. D., Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, I. C. S., Collector of Belgaum and Mr. Ali Akbar, Executive Engineer of the District met his Excellency and the maps of the country were shown and explained at the P. W. D. bungalow near the lake after which the whole party walked along the weir wall, inspected the Canal, and the sluices which let out the water from the tank to the mills, and then went to the special train where the Governor entertained the party at breakfast.

HIS EXCELLENCY AT BELGAUM.

BELGAUM, OCT. 5.

H E. the Governor arrived at Belgaum this morning and was met by the Commissioner, the General, the Municipal officers and all Military and Civilian officers. His Excellency visited the Methodist Episcopal Mission High School, the Sirdar's High School and inspected the proposed site for a hospital. On his way to the Commissioner's house in the afternoon the Governor received the Municipal address at the Town Hall and visits the Masonic lodge in the evening. There is a dinner party at the Commissioner's house followed by a reception.

RAILWAY COLLISION IN SIND.

MANY PASSENGERS INJURED.

KARACHI, OCTOBER 4.

A serious accident occurred yesterday at 1 a.m., two miles north of Reti on the North-Western Railway. A light engine left Kohar (south of Reti) and instead of stopping ran through without line clear. Meanwhile the down fast passenger train also left Dhandi (north of Reti), and a collision occurred two miles from either station. Both the engines were badly damaged ; also the brake vans and four carriages. Almost all the passengers were more or less injured, some rather seriously. Driver Johnson of the passenger train was seriously injured The native driver of the light engine is lying in a precarious condition. Both the guards also suffered injury. An accident train was despatched from Khanpur to render assistance. The railway officials from Sukkur promptly left for the scene of the accident to make inquiries and clear the block on the line which has now been done, and through communication restored. The injured passengers were taken to Khaipur and Sukkur for medical aid.

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Gloucester Musical Festival.

NEW ORATORIO PRODUCED.

MR. TREE IN THE "TEMPEST."

LONDON, SEPT. 16.

IT may be taken as a sign of progress in our national music that the largest audience—or is it congregation ?—of the time-honoured festival of the three choirs held at Gloucester this year was on the fourth day of the function, when Dr. Elgar's grand work, "The Apostles," was given under the composer's direction. And, further-more, Mr. A. Herbert Brewer, the Gloucester organist and conductor-in-chief of the festival, may take credit for his admirable training of his forces in that so far the performance—the first one in a cathedral of our communion—was the best that has been given. This "best" must be taken to refer in the main to the work of the chorus. Their singing was not remarkable for precision perhaps, but then the composer was directing, which may account for some of the indecision here and there. Great composers are seldom great conductors, and one who is as earnest as "our own Elgar" had far too much usually on his mind. But the Gloucester chorus has curiously expressive qualities, to say nothing of a tone that is not only beautiful but characteristic. They love to sing evidently, but happily for the musician love is tempered with sound knowledge of all the subleties of vocal art. It was this fine singing that made the magnificent final so intensely impressive. It stood out by reason of its sheer strength. It is a characteristic of Dr. Elgar that he works up a climax within a short space. The massive effect of this great ending, little short of sublime, goes very far to welding a rather disjointed structure into a whole. During the progress of the work one felt that in the glorious Norman nave of Gloucester's cathedral the surroundings had much to do with the effect achieved. But even this added advantage of mysticism sank into insignificance before the calm strength of this ending. As a piece of absolute music it stands of its kind unique in the whole range of everything known as "modern." And if it be necessary or desirable to label it, it must be called Church music of the very best kind—of the kind that goes down through the ages as a type, just as the old Plain Chant and Palestrina stand out as something absolutely by themselves. Besides these and Elgar, the modern "mass," as a musical form that is, even when handled by a giant like Beethoven, stands revealed as something utterly false.

Mr. A. Herbert Brewer's new oratorio "The Holy Innocents," a setting of words by Mr. Joseph Bennett, was given in the evening before a large and expectant gathering. In shorter works Mr. Brewer has given promise of that which is in him, and it may be said at the outset that the promise has been fulfilled. While not rising to any great heights of poetry, the book is a serviceable one, deftly put together in the main. The music is that of oratorios of the old type, and in this reversion to the Mendelssohn period Mr. Brewer deserves instant recognition, for the reason that he has at least striven to be original, a task not by any means an easy one. His themes are clear cut and of the kind that may be called melodious, and it will be readily acceded that in these days of modernity a return to the solid tuneful style too often means a repetition of what has been said before. There is such a thing in the realm of the drama as an actor's play, a term by this time generally understood of the people, and Mr. Brewer's work may be fittingly described as a singer's work. It is remarkably well laid out for the chorus. There are numbers of the part song description, beautifully sonorous and eminently lyrical, and the whole thing is knit together with some good orchestration. Within the limits Mr. Brewer has obviously set himself, he has succeeded in writing a very pleasing work, and one which, while being well within the reach of the ordinary music-lover, never descends to the merely trivial. In an unaccompanied solemn prayer the chorus sang with splendid balance and tone, and altogether the composer, who conducted, secured a bright and even performance of an attractive work. The soloists were those who had before sung in "The Apostles"—a work which has the effect of overshadowing everything near it. To the part of Herod falls some of the most dramatic and the best of the sole work, and Mr. Ffrangcon Davies sang it with all his usual earnestness and finished, but towards the end it seemed that his arduous labours in the morning had rather taken it out of him. The others who gave thoroughly sound interpretations of what was allotted to them were Madame Albani, Miss Muriel Foster. Mr. John Coates, and Mr. Dalton Baker.

Even at this early stage of his career, Mr. Cyril Scott has earned the distinction of being called "great" among our younger composers. As another leading light, Mr. Josef Holbrooke, may be said to be concerned with keenly nervous melody, so Mr. Scott's work is best described, perhaps, as taken up with the presentation, by musical methods practically of his own making, of the extremely subtle. Thus in his new work, brought to a first hearing on Saturday night at the Queen's Hall Promenade Concert, nearly all the work is given to the strings. In common with the rest of the moderns, he deals with tonecolour rather than with melody, and it counts to him for righteousness that he leaves bass and wood-wind, and turns to the string section of his instrument, the orchestra, for the working out of his ideas. A first hearing of a strongly imaginative work full of movement, leaves one with the desire to hear it again and to know more of it. Of its individuality there is no question, of its import there may well be more than one opinion. Criticism, which meant the prompt passing of a judgment is, like a good deal of music, out of date. It is sufficient to record that the attention of the audience was arrested, and to pay a great tribute to the magnificence of the string work as supplied by Mr. Henry J. Wood's orchestra. The rest of the concert was very attractive. Miss Stella Maris sang artistically, Mr. Egon Petri, when the music of the arrangement for orchestra and piano of a Liszt Rhapsody gave him a chance, played with vigour and style. The Peer Gynt suite of Grieg and the splendidly sonorous academic overture of Brahms were delightful examples of orchestral excellence, and Mr. H. Lyell-Tayler, who takes Mr Wood's place in the second half of the music feast, infused a lot of individuality into the operatic fantasia, and made it go with rare spirit.

Sheridan said of a certain lady that she was unbearable, gallantly adding that that was her only fault. Of "The Tempest" it may be said that it is uninteresting; in the theatre it is even tiresome. The reasons are not far to seek. One is that the characters are not human. They loiter about the stage as with intent to commit an allegory. Now experience has shown that the right traffic of the stage is with men and women. Children and fairies may be admitted, but only on special terms. The two leading characters of "The Tempest" are Prospero, who by virtue of his magical powers must rank as superhuman, and Caliban, who is frankly a creature of the netherworld. Ariel, too, is a spirit, whose very sex has been disputed. There is really no story, and the only scenes of direct flesh and blood appeal are the love passages between Ferdinand and Miranda and the drunken frolics of Stephano and Trinculo. Prospero's mastery of magic has another drawback. When one character can do what he likes with the others there can be no conflict of wills, and the spectator is apt to wish he would do what he wants and get it over. And so it comes that even the reader cannot derive as much enjoyment from "The Tempest" as from, say, "Macbeth" or "Twelfth Night." All that is really valuable, besides some gorgeous poetry mostly spoken by Prospero, is the character of Caliban, the character of Ariel, and, in a less degree, the more ordinary characters of Ferdinand and Miranda. Indeed so long as Ferdinand and Miranda are made happy, he cares very little what becomes of the rest. He may think it a mistake of Prospero to retire from a business, over which he has spent the best years of his life, but that is Prospero's look-out Apart from the young couple's feelings, he would not mind if the

ship were wrecked again, and the rest of the cast were to follow Prospero's too rashly discarded book to the bottom of the deep blue sea.

In the theatre the play fares even worse. It has never been a popular show. It was early felt to require music to make it palatable, and Dryden did the best he could for it by tampering with the love interest, too pure and slight for Restoration folk. Not only has "The Tempest" never scored a success of the first magnitude, but no great actor has made in it the hit of his life. There have, of course been several Calibans who made audiences shudder, and many a young actress has charmed the town as Ariel. But though some of our greatest actors have done duty as Prospero, only the stately Kemble has made much of the part. A more impressive performance, we are told, the stage never witnessed. Now, it so happens that Prospero is the dominant character of the piece, and should in the theatre tower above the rest, if the play is to come by its just own. Unluckily, it also happens, with modern audiences at least that Caliban has all the best of the game. Physical considerations go for so much in the theatre, and while any actor can disfigure himself into an abhorrent Caliban, a Prospero is hard put to it to leave down a necromantic outfit that we have come to associate with indifferent conjuring. Three hundred years ago Dr. Dee was a power in the land, and cabalistic costume was regarded with awe, while no Caliban could be too bad to be true. To-day Prospero must convince by his "presence" and not by his wardrobe, while Caliban, as long as the nightmare he makes of himself is not too ludicrously unscientific, is master of the situation. Hence the first essential of a just and effective interpretation of "The Tempest" as drama is almost out of the question.

Yet had Mr. Tree, ever anxious to do the best for the play, succeeded in his effort to get Sir Henry Irving to appear as Prospero, the miracle might have happened. Sir Henry, more perhaps than any actor of whom we have record, has a grim and compelling grasp of mystery, and might have made of Prospero an overwhelming figure. In default of Sir Henry, Mr. Tree has secured one of Sir Henry, Lyceum ancients, Mr. William Haviland, a thoroughly competent artist, who can, on occasion, for instance, as Malvolio in Mr. Tree's touring company, achieve greatness. But though dignified of presence and resonant of delivery, Mr. Haviland has not the creative power to keep Prospero at the head of affairs. He declaims the blank verse admirably, but more than elocution is necessary to make us feel that the elderly gentleman who affects singular patterns is other than tasty, unreasonable, and having regard to the means at his disposal, dilatory in bringing matters to the conclusion he desires. And so the sceptre passes to Caliban. Mr. Tree's Caliban strikes us as too much of a man and too little of a monster. But Mr. Tree may very well have reflected that—

The anthropophagi, and men whose heads
Do grow beneath their shoulders

are not creatures to hear of whom a modern audience would seriously incline. The being he turns out is certainly as abhorrent as any radium will allow us to discern. With matted locks, irregular teeth, a skin like a worn out hearth-rug, nails like claws, with for ornament a necklace of shells, and for decency a shock of seaweed, his Caliban is as gruesome a human object as anyone can wish not to meet. And by a thousand artful little tricks of gesture and tone Mr. Tree rubs in the hideousness of his conception. This is an amazingly clever performance, but, possibly from the march of events during the past three centuries, it fails to bring home the sense of an elemental force of evil and darkness. Miss Viola Tree appears both as Ceres and Ariel. As Ceres she delivers her lines capitally, and as Ariel, although rather too big and strapping for the embodiment of air, she sings and dances delightfully, and disports herself with curious charm, if with some over-elaboration of gesture and movement. Mr. Lionel Brough and Mr. Louis Calvert make the most of the rather forced humour of Trinculo and Stephano. Best of all are Mr. Basil Gill and Miss Norah Kerin in the straightaway parts of Ferdinand and Miranda. Mr. Gill makes a most romantic figure, bears himself right gallantly, and speaks his lines with musical sincerity. Miss Kerin is the prettiest Miranda imaginable, acts with much grace, and though her voice does not seem to have quite taken the measure of the theatre, delivers her speeches with the tenderest appreciation of their point and their beauty. The season has begun well with the advent of so sweet and intelligent a recruit. The minor parts are well discharged by approved comedians, whose efforts call, however, for no further recognition.

So much for the play. We have still to consider what is called the "production." According to his wont, Mr. Tree has done things handsomely. In a prefactory note, printed on the programme, he observes that 'The Tempest' is of Shakespeare's plays probably the one which most demands the aid of modern stagecraft. Nor is he long in letting his audience see that it gets them. The opening scene shows the wreck. It is the most wonderful scene of the kind that has ever been put on the stage. The huge antique ship tosses helplessly before you. It may at any moment be cast up on the audience. You cannot hear the dialogue for the storm, and you cannot hear the storm for the applause. Another of the many notable scenes that follow is that in which Prospero discloses to the lovers the dance of reapers and nymphs. Mr. Tree has developed the stage direction into a ballet such as we may see at a variety theatre. Here, we think, he has gone astray. There is no artistic reason why reapers and water-nymphs should not dance together. But when the reapers make to embrace the nymphs they are indignantly repulsed, the nymphs pointing to their ringless wedding-fingers "it being illegal (in fairy-land) to exchange kisses without a marriage certificate." Now, there is nothing of fairyland in this. Your true fairy has no morality, nor need of any. The subsequent introduction of Cupid, who puts things straight with his bow and arrow, is also beside the mark, and betrays a confusion of ideas. The nymphs have refused the reapers—it is a strange union, at least—not because they do not love but because they have reputations to think of. When Cupid returns to shoot a dart at Ferdinand and Miranda, he seems equally at fault, besides falsifying Prospero's statement that the pageant is but a thing of thought. As is customary, Mr. Tree redistributes Shakespeare's five acts in three. The division is not so adroit as usual. The second act ended last night in the middle of a speech of Ariel's. This may have been a mistake, but even if the speech were finished the curtain would be irrelevant. And at the end, Prospero having been deposed from the pre-eminence, he does not deliver the epilogue. After he has spoken some lines of the speech, here post-dated, beginning, "Ye elves of hills, brooks, standing lakes and groves," he makes way for a tableau in which Caliban watches the departing ship, and Ariel soars above on a wire. It is not the right end to Shakespear's play, but we are not so sure that it is not the right end to Mr. Tree's version of it. Applause was plentiful, and the actors had to make their bows again and again. But Mr. Tree declined all invitations to make a speech.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Russell presided at a sitting of the Court yesterday.

RE ABDUL KARIM HAJI AHMED AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Davar appeared on behalf of a creditor and said that a rule had been issued against the insolvents last month to show cause why they should not file their schedule, hand over their immovable property to the Official Assignee and deposit their policy on their brother's life with him. Mr. Davar stated that the insolvents had not yet filed their schedule nor had they deposited the policy with the Official Assignee. The insolvents appeared in person and put in a schedule. As to the policy they said it was with their brother's widow. The rule was discharged.

DISCHARGES.

The following insolvents obtained their discharges:—Walter George Smith; Elizabeth Rotchell; Monak V. Deware; Govind Yessoo Savat and another; Shrinivas Subrao Gersoppe; Benjamin William Beale and another; Richard Carthy; Abdul Hussan Heptoolabhai Dawoodi and five others; Vishram Sakharam Soomar; Antonio Augusto de Abreo and Dharamsey Ranchordas Thakar.

AFFAIRS IN BALUCHISTAN

COLONEL YATE'S RETIREMENT.

ADVICE TO THE NOTABLES.

A Durbar was held at Quetta on Friday, when Colonel Yate, the Agent to the Governor-General addressed the Sardars, Maliks and Motabars. He said:—

As you, have heard from the statement by Rai Sahib Jamiat Rai, the President of the Jirga out of the 53 cases sent up for settlement this year 48 have been disposed of by you. Some of these cases were of considerable importance and the President has brought to notice the names of several members of the Jirga who specially distinguished themselves by their diligence and equity. While, however, commending you, Sirdars and Maliks for the care and diligence with which you have dealt with the cases which have been placed before you, I feel compelled especially as this is the last occasion on which I shall have an opportunity of addressing you collectively to give you a word of warning on a subject of grave importance both to yourselves and to the British Government. The Jirga system as you know is indigenous to this country and the annual Shahijirgas at Quetta and Sibi, which may be regarded as the highest development of that system, have been established and continued by the British Government, not only because the periodical meeting of all the Sirdars and Maliks in Baluchistan facilitates the settlement of cases in dispute, but because such meetings and such methods of settling cases are closely bound up with the habits and traditions of the people of Baluchistan; which it always has been and always will be the object of the British Government to foster and preserve. Now, if the Jirgas are to be useful and effective courts for the administration of justice and the settlement of disputes, it is essential that the component members should be animated by a desire to hold the scales evenly between conflicting parties and that they should deal with the cases brought before them, impartially and without favour. It has been reported to me recently, I am sorry to say, that there has been a tendency in the Shahi Jirgas to make the decision of cases what we in England call "a party question," that is to say, members appear to have been influenced not by the merits of the case before them but by their

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and predelictions in favour of one party or the other. Now in the administration of justice a man should look only to the facts of the particular case before him and he should not be moved by any outside considerations; and I warn you, Sardars and Maliks, that if the evil tendency which has been reported to me is not checked and if your Jirgas instead of being as they should be impartial courts for ascertaining truth and dispensing justice according to the customs of the country become the place for the exhibition of private animosities and the gratification of private desires, the whole Jirga system will be brought into discredit and it will be impossible for the Government of India to rely as in the past upon Jirgas for the decision of important cases. I wish, as a friend, who is now about to leave you, to warn you to correct the present evil tendency while there is yet time, so that the British Government may never be compelled to give up making full use of your assistance in the Government of the country. All members of the Shahi Jirga will, I trust, take these words of mine to heart.

CONTROL OF THE MENGAL TRIBE.

In addition to the cases decided by the Shahi Jirga the question of the proper control of the Mengal tribe has been under discussion before a full Jirga of the Sarawan and Jhallawan Sardars. A large number of the Mengal Motabars have come into Quetta for this, and it has been unanimously agreed that the appointment of Mir Wali Muhammed as the Sardar's Vakil is the best and most suitable that can be made and they recommend its being continued for at least another six months. With the Vakil will be the Sardar's only son, Mir Allah Dina, so that the Government of the tribe will be carried on practically by the Sardar himself. I have approved of this arrangement and I trust it will be successful. As all Kalat Sardars are aware, the Government of India lately sanctioned the appointment of a Native Assistant and Assistant to the Political Adviser for the Jhallawan country. The Jhallawan Sardars at the Jirga held in Quetta on the 26th instant, here unanimously asked that the Native Assistant should now be given power to take up and settle their cases. I hope soon, with the approval of the Government of India, to be able to accede to this request. The extension of the Native Assistant's authority, if he is properly supported by the Jhallawan Sardars, will, I hope, result in much improvement in the general peace and prosperity of the Jhallawan country.

THE MEKRAN LEVY CORPS.

I now turn to another subject which I know is one of interest to a great many of you; and that is the new Mekran Levy Corps now raised at Mastung for service in Mekran. This corps has been formed for the protection of the western border of Baluchistan against violation by lawless intruders from Persia, an object which is as close to your hearts as it is to that of the British Government. But apart from this the formation of the corps offers an opportunity to the Brahui and Baluch tribes to show their loyalty by good service under the British Empire and I may add, to earn liberal pay for the support of their families. Probably, therefore, few words of mine are necessary to urge you, Brahui and Baluch Sardars, to give Major Showers and Captain McConaghey your hearty support. The corps is already up to full strength and I will only say that I hope you will all show your gratitude to Government for affording this opportunity to your tribesmen to obtain Government service by doing everything in your power to make the corps a success. Remember this is the first corps that has been raised which is to be composed solely of Brahuis and Baluchis of Baluchistan, and upon the conduct of the men now enlisted will depend the good name of Brahuis and Baluchis as soldiers of the Empire in future.

A HOSTEL FOR QUETTA.

Another point to which I wish to call your attention is the establishment of a hostel or boarding house in Quetta for the accommodation of the sons of Sardars and Maliks attending the Sandeman High School. The Government of India, with that beneficence and desire for improvement in the condition of all their subjects of which you have had so many examples here, have sanctioned a special grant of 10,000 rupees for the construction of this boarding house, which when completed, will enable you to get your sons properly educated without their being exposed to the inconveniences and dangers which would result from their living in the town away from proper supervision. In the boarding house the boys will be under the care of an experienced and respectable custodian who will be responsible for their welfare. I need not impress upon you the importance of educating your sons to fit them for the responsibilities of their future position. The advantages and indeed the necessity of education in these days must be patent to all, and I urge you Sardars and Maliks, not to let slip the opportunity which will now be offered to you of educating your sons under proper guardianship and control.

Another instance of the generosity to you on the part of the British Government is the grant lately sanctioned of Rs. 55,000 to build the museum and library that you see under construction in the garden outside this hall. The library to be started here will, I hope, prove not only a most useful resort for all the people of Quetta, but it will, I hope, in time contain as complete a collection as possible of all books and works relating to Baluchistan as well as to the neighbouring countries of Persia and Afghanistan.

THE NEW HAZARA REGIMENT.

There is one other subject to which I will allude before bringing my remarks to a close, and that is the formation of the new Hazara Regiment here in Quetta. Everyone here will, I am sure, be glad that a regiment is to be raised of these useful soldiers for the service of the Empire and that its command has been entrusted to the competent hands of Major Claude Jacob, who has brought our Zhob Levy Corps to so high a state of efficiency. I had hoped before I left to have been able to plant a colony of Hazaras in Baluchistan, so as to give a permanent home for the wives and families of all the Hazaras serving in our local Baluchistan Regiments. With this object more than half a lakh of rupees has been spent on an irrigation canal from the Anambar river in the Thal-Chutiali District which was to water the lands of our intended Hazara colonists. But when all the arrangements were complete, a Karez had been made for them and the land was about to be handed over, the Hazaras for some unexplained reason hung back and some of the land is now going to be given to others. I know of no other place in the whole of Baluchistan where land and water is available for the Hazaras I have tried to get land with water for them in various other parts of the province without success and at present this Anambar canal affords the only possible opportunity of giving the Hazaras a permanent home in Baluchistan. I trust the officers of our local regiment will do their best to see that the present opportunity is not entirely lost and that the Hazaras themselves will not be foolish enough to sit idle and to allow others to take up all the land which they might get for themselves and the cultivation of which offers such great advantages for themselves and their families. And now Sardars and Maliks, I bid you all farewell. I have India for good next month, and I may never have the opportunity of seeing you again but the interest that I now take in Baluchistan will always remain with me and I hope to hear of Baluchistan in the years to come steadily progressing in peacefulness and prosperity.

SERIOUS ASSAULT CASE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY AFFAIR.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Kersandas Chabildass, third Presidency Magistrate, heard the case in which Superintendent Grennan, charged Muncherji Eduljì Idawalla with causing grievous hurt to Nadirsha Darashah, an apprentice Engineer in the workshop of the British India Steam Navigation Company. Mr. Sorabsha B. Kapadia, pleader, appeared for the complainant. The accused was defended by Messrs. De Souza and Velinker, Pleaders. It appeared that one Dhunjibhoy Dubash lived in the same house as the complainant in Ghoga Mohalla. On the 6th of August last, Dubash's sixteen-years-old daughter called Jerbai fell from the third floor window of the house and in reference to this incident the complainant and his father received annonymous threatening letters. On the 8th ultimo when the complainant was returning on his bicycle from Mazagone, he was assaulted by a Parsee near the Alice Buildings on the Hornby Road who called the complainant by his name and had a talk with him on the subject of the accident to Jerbai. This "Eski" Parsee as the complainant termed him said he too knew of the Jerbai incident, and that she was thrown out of the window by her father. It was he who wrote to the complainant and his father the anonymous letters and demanded of the complainant why he did not tell the Police Commissioner when he came to the house to enquire into the Jerbai incident that it was her father who threw her out of the window. The "Eski" Parsee believed the complainant was well aware of that story and did not speak of it to the Commissioner because he was given Rs 1,000 as a bribe by Jerbai's father, and it was out of that money that the complainant had bought the bicycle he had with him. The complainant replied he knew nothing of the incident and he had owned the cycle. When this conversation was going on, the accused who was pacing to and fro gave the complainant, a blow from behind, and then ran off. Then complainant followed him and when he was close upon the accused, the "Eski" Parsee clipped him from behind. The complainant on regaining his balance turned to pursue him when a Mahomedan appeared on the scene, used abulsive language and gave complainant a sharp blow in the stomach which made him lose his breath for some time then the complainant discovered that he was bleeding profusely from the wound inflicted by the blow given by the accused, The Mahomedan, the "Eski" Parsee and the accused then made good their escape.

Some further evidence having been led the enquiry was adjourned.

THE SALE OF MOTOR CARS.

DISPUTE BETWEEN DEALERS.

Yesterday morning before Mr. Kursandas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate; Mr. Kavasha Dossabhoy Wadia, the Proprietor of the Bombay Cycle Agency, applied for a summons to be issued against Mr Arthur Hoare of Messrs Turner Hoare and Co., Agents of the Bombay Motor Car Co. to answer a charge of defamation under section 500 of the I. P. Code. The complainant in his information stated that his as well as the accused's firms had been and were selling a style and make of motor car known as the De Dion Car, until the 7th September, After some correspondence the complainant accepted the sole agency for the cars in question and an agreement to that effect was eventually signed and an advertisement to that was inserted in the issue of the 'Times-of-India' of the 18th ultimo and continued in the issue of the 20th and the 22nd. In the last issue (i e on the 22nd) of the same paper immediately above the complainant's advertisement appeared another over the signature of Bombay Motor Car Company Limited in which they announced that they could supply De Dion Cars and they were quite independent of any "so called Sole Agency" They also warned the public in the advertisement against being misled by any statements to the contrary. The complainant considered the whole tenor of the accused's advertisements defamatory more particularly the words 'so called sole agency" and 'warning the public against being misled by any statements to the contrary.' A notice was issued to the accused asking him to withdraw his advertisement and to tender a written apology to the complainant The Bombay Motor Car Company in reply to the notice stated that the words "so called" would be omitted from their advertisements in future, but declined to withdraw their advertisement or tender an apology. The Magistrate granted the summons, and the case will be heard in due course.

THE MAZAGON LAND AND BUILDING Co., Ld.

The first ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held, yesterday afternoon, at the registered office of the Company in Medows Street, Fort, the Hon'ble Mr. Vithaldas D. Thackersey presiding. The directors' report of the progress made by the Company since its formation on the 1st July last, was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, the report stated that all the shares of the Company have been subscribed for and fully paid up. The property mentioned in the Articles and Memorandum of Association has been purchased and extensions have been made to secure a good return. The greater portion of the property has been let out for a fixed period of two years at the rate of Rs. 750 per month, and other portions now completed are estimated to yield another Rs. 100 per month. Taking the above figures as the basis of income and deducting therefrom all possible outgoings, the directors feel certain that a dividend of 7 per cent. to the shareholders is assured. There remains, however, about 2,000 square yards of vacant land suitable for building purposes, which, when utilized will add about 2 per cent. more to the dividend. Thus it will be seen that the expectations with which you so readily subscribed to the shares of this Company are more than fully realized. In order to ensure a safe and fixed return the directors thought fit, at least in the beginning, to lease out the premises for two years, and they confidently hope, looking to the sub-rents obtained by the lessee from sub-tenants that on the expiry of the lease they will be able to get a substantial increase in the present rent which would further enhance the net return. The main object of the formation of this Company is to secure to small investors a sure, steady, and fair return from landed properties, in which there cannot be any possible risk of loss such as other trading Joint Stock Companies are liable to. It has now-a-days become practically impossible to secure to small investors more than 5 per cent, at the utmost, and to them, such a return as shown above cannot but be an excellent opportunity for investment."

The Hon'ble Mr. Vithaldas Thakersey was re-elected a director and Messrs James MacDonald and Parshotam Vishram Mavji were confirmed additional directors. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.

PRINCE MIRSKY'S POLICY.

AN ACCEPTABLE CHANGE.

Prince Sviatopolk Mirsky, the new Russian Minister of the Interior, interviewed by the correspondent of the "Echo de Paris" at St. Petersburg, is reported to have stated that he had no intention of importing any change into the home policy of Russia. He would confine himself to following the programme fixed by the Tsar's manifesto of February, 1903. He would content himself with inspiring his acts with a true and broad Liberalism without, however, attacking the established order of things.

He was in favour of decentralisation. He would give the provincial and communal assemblies as many powers as possible, so that they might regulate their affairs according to popular wish. He would also avoid Parliamentarism, to which in his opinion, only Great Britain accommodated herself with advantage. He was an enemy of religious persecution, and was in favour of as much liberty of conscience as possible.

As regarded the Jews, the Prince said that if they were given absolute liberty, they might rapidly assume to much importance. At the same time his attitude towards them would be one of great goodwill. He would strive to ameliorate the lot of the lower classes of Jews, and he would try to reduce the cause of discontent which engendered Nihilist crimes.

"We are obliged he said to defend ourselves against terrorists, but I am inclined personally not to show excessive severity towards young men, whose delinquencies are often followed by repentance."

The Prince said he was the friend of students, and declared himself to be a man of progress and in favour of increasing as much as possible the number of country schools.

Finally, speaking of the war the Minister confessed that Russia had been taken by surprise firstly by the opening of hostilities and secondly by the extraordinary military qualities of the Japanese. Still he had no doubt as to Russia's final success.

The Prince will enter upon his functions in the middle of September (old style).

Mr. D. G. Hogarth is leaving England to direct the resumption of the British Museum's excavation of the great Artemision at Ephesus, interrupted since 1874. An Imperial Irade has just been issued permitting this.

THE SIMPLON TUNNEL.

During August, the work on the Simplon Tunnel was pushed forward a further 160 yards, bringing the total length of the cuttings now finished up to 19,461 metres, or rather over eleven miles. There remain now only some 280 yards of rock to pierce before the northern and southern drives meet. The most wonderfully exact calculations are necessary each day, and the system of triangulation, by which the driving has been governed is probably the most perfect in the world. An error of a single centimetre, a mere fraction of an inch, during the earlier stages of the work would have thrown the drives so far apart as the centre of the mountain was reached, that in all probability the headworks would have passed one another without either being aware, except by calculations, that they had overlapped. A few weeks ago all work was suspended for fifty-five hours, owing to an apparent error in the engineering triangulation. A careful re-survey, however, showed that all was correct, and the work was allowed to proceed.

Among the men, numbering some thousands, there is intense excitement as the triumphant ending to their colossal labours draws nearer. It is expected that the actual meeting of the French and Italian engineers in the heart of the mountain will take place on October 20 or 21. The men are working in a temperature never less than 100 deg. F., and often as high as 120 deg., while the greatest trouble is caused by the ceaseless outflow of hot water, which during August, averaged nearly 250 gallons per second.

The meeting between the workmen from both sides is to be the occasion of an interesting ceremony, partly of a secular and partly of a religious character. A banquet will be preceded by a service of thanksgiving, in which the two nations engaged in the undertaking will be represented respectively by the Bishops of Sion and Novara.

The Stresa railway station is already finished, and the line will be formally opened on May 15, 1905. Great developments for Stresa are expected from this connection, both with Milan and Paris.

THE WHITAKER WRIGHT PROSECUTION.

THE TREASURY AND THE COSTS.

Mr. Flower, who was chairman of the committee instrumental in bringing about the prosecution of Whitaker Wright, is indignant at the treatment he has received from the Treasury.

Seen by a Press representative, Mr. Flower said:—"Following on the statement in Parliament that the costs of the Whitaker Wright prosecution would be borne by the public funds, I received a communication from the Treasury asking me to send in a full statement of my expenses. I did so. The total amount of my out-of-pocket expenses came to £582, but unfortunately I could only produce vouchers for £518.

"Imagine my surprise when a day or two ago I received from the Treasury a letter enclosing a cheque for £18. This sum, the letter said, was in the opinion of the Lords of the Treasury all that could be properly charged to the public funds of the country. The details of the itemes they allowed are:—

£5 for copy of list of shareholders of the London and Globe;

£10 for printing and circularising them; and

£3 for copies of affidavits.

"I call it little less than an insult after the statement in Parliament and the invitation to send in my account."

Mr. Barnes, the Official Receiver, issued an interim report to the creditors on July 6, in which he said that the Treasury as announced in Parliament had undertaken the whole of the cost of this prosecution including all expenses of extradition and including also all necessary expenses of the Prosecution Fund Committee and of Mr. Flower. And, you see, continued Mr. Flower, "it all turns on that word 'necessary.' The Treasury think, apparently, that the bulk of my out-of-pocket expenditure was unnecessary—at least, that is the interpretation I put on their action.

"I have returned their cheque. In the covering letter I called their attention to their communication of April 29, in which they pressed me to send in my account, as they wished to have it settled forthwith, and asked to be allowed to return their enclosure.

"I am to leave the matter there," concluded Mr. Flower; "if I were to enforce the claim, it would apppear as if I wished to attack the public funds. I don't want to do that, and I won't do anything more."

The opinion in the City is that Parliament should see Mr. Flower does not suffer from his public-spirited action.

HIGH COURT.—October 6.

Before The Hon'ble Mr Justice B. Tyabjee.

660-04—Matubhai J and M—Hajee Ismail Gul Mahomed vs Ali Mahomed Ismail and others.
To Speak to the minutes of the Decree.

201-02—Tyabjee D and Co—Raja Bahadur Chuturbhujdas Gordhandas vs Munchershaw (Bomanjee Chothia and another—Wadia G and Co

Summary Suit for hearing in Chambers.

Long Cause.

509-03—Tyabji D and Co—Moosabhai Mahomed Sajun and another vs Yacoob Mahomed Sajun and others—Tyabji D and Co—Nanu H and Co—Part heard.

515-03—Edgelow G and W—Haji Saboo Sidick vs Ally Mahomed Jan Mahomed and others—J P Dastur S and J M—J and M—Payne and Co—Little and Co—Ardeser H D and Co

For trial of issues.

365-04—Edgelow G and W—Shapurjee Sorabjee Dubash vs Sorabjee Rustamjee Subedar—Ardeshir H D and Co

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Russell.

For Consent decree.

19-91—Thakurdas & Co—Goolam Hoosein Mooraj vs N C Macleod—Ardesir H D & Co.

Suits for hearing and final disposal,

Short Causes.

635-04—Payne & Co—Haji Jan Mahomed Haji Mahomed vs Aishabai widow and others—Bicknell M and R—Part heard.

Bicknell M and R Part heard.

Long Causes.

188 04—Tyabji D & Co—Bai Lilbai alias Navibai widow vs Rajaram Chimmoo—Nadirsha and T Part heard.

647-03—M B Chothia Kuvertai widow vs Dhunjibhoy Byramji Bhajivalla—In person Mulla and M and Molvi H and M.

511-03—Bicknell M and R—Moolchand Laiji vs Sidney N Mac-causland and others—Payne & Co.

457-04—Cragie L and O—Pragji Soorji and others vs Khattan Vallab das & Co—Payne & Co.

479-04—Sorabji and J—Vincent Andrew Sebastian Fereira vs Joaquim Vincent Fernandes and another—Daphtary and F

480-04—In person—Ambalal Malchand vs M J Manasch—Mulla and M

13300-04—Tyeb Hoosein and others vs Ebrahim Ooman and others—Edgelow G and W

484-04—Matubhoy J and M Kursondas Kesavji and another vs Vullabhdas Cremji and another—Mulla and M and Hiralal D

486-04—Matubhoy J and M—Ramji Bhugwan and others vs Murarji Mohunji—Tyabji D and Co

489-04—Matubhoy J and M—Kursonda Vussonji and another vs Jivram Himatram—Khunderao S and L

504-04—Mull and M—Jamnabai widow and another vs Hari Babaji Bhaskar—In person

319-03—Bicknell M and R—Motilal Balkisson vs Shridham Gopinath and another Kana and P

Before the Hon Mr Justice Chandavarkar.

For Judgment.

7-04—Payne and Co—Dewkabai vs The Municipal Commissioner of Bombay Crawford B and Co,

For decree absolute,

487-03—Raghavaya for prayer—alias Helmamaud Sadler vs Albert Sadler.

To speak to the minutes of the decree.

55-03—Little and Co—Soolaman Somjee and others vs Rahimoola Somjee and others—Captain and V and Crawford B and Co

Suits for hearing and final disposal,

Commercial Cause.

515-04—Payne and Co—Kanjee Dewjee and anothes vs Bhuwandas Narotamdas—Tyabji D and Co

223-04—K D Shroff—Dhunjibhoy Merwanji Shroff vs Nusservanji Cursetji Sukhia—Craigie L and O

On question of Cost.

51-44—Tyebjee D and Co—Bibi Zaver Sultan vs Bibi Rukhia Sultan and others—Payne and Co,

Long Causes.

367-03—Ardesir H D and Co—Haji Abdul Rehman Shirazi vs Hajibibi widow and others—Captain and V

877-01—Edgelow G and W—Bibi Sakina widow vs Mirza Mahomed bin Haji Abdul Hoosein Shiraji and others—Craigie L and O

384-03—Captain and V—Fakirchand and others vs Doolubh Govindjee and others—Madhowjee V

117-04—Bhaishunker K and G—The Advocate General of Bombay vs Bai Sudha Alias Moghebai—Madhovji and V

108-04—Bicknell M and M—Dinshaw M Puntheckey and another vs Khatri Salemahomed Jaffer—Little and Co

461-92—Captain and V—Moulvi Abdool Cader Jethayker vs Hajee Mahomed Ibrahim Jithayker and others—Edulow G and W and W C B and C B and Co and Muljee B and B

465-01—Payne and Co—Vulli Mahomed Hassum vs Vussonji Velji and Co—Madhowji and V

20-04—Payne and Co—Shamjee Kandojee vs Chimnai Sadashiv and others—F P—Pavri Maganial T and G

136 03—M and B—Chathia Valibai widow vs— nana widow—Payne and Co

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THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, Oct. 5.

Wednesday.—Pressure has fallen slightly in North-West India and the Peninsula and has been steady elsewhere. Local rain has fallen in Burma, and light rain in the South Peninsula. Tavoy reports 2 inches, Calicut one inch, Minbau, Madura, Coimbatore Kodaikanal, Wellington, Mercara and Trivandrum half an inch, Skies are cloudy in Burma, Upper Assam South-East Bengal, South Madras Coast and South-West Peninsula. Temperature was above normal during the past day in North-West Frontier Provinces, West Punjab, Upper Sind, Baluchistan, Gujarat and most stations in the Southern half of the Peninsula and was below normal in the United and Central Provinces. The lowest temperature recorded last night was 30 1-2 degrees at Dras. Only a few falls of rain may be expected in Burma during the next 24 hours as winds are Easterly to North Easterly on the Lower Burma East. Some local rain is again probable in the South Peninsula.

Observations taken at 8 a.m. on Wednesday the 5th October.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has fallen over a large area, the fall having been brisk at Bellary and Amraoti. The barometer is in slight defect of normal along the coast from Mormugao to Cochin and also at Bangalore, Cuddapah, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, Negapatam and Colombo and above it elsewhere.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been generally light.

Temperature.—The greatest variations are maximum 5° to 9° in the excess in Berar and at Cuddapah, Bellary, Hyderabad, Deccan, Belgaum, Ratnagiri, Sholapur, Ahmednagar, Poona, Bombay Surat, Khandwa, Indore, Rajkot, Deesa and Ahmedabad, and minimum 5° to 9° in defect at Bijapur, Akola, Nagpur, Raipur, Khandwa, Hoshangabad, Jubbulpore, Veraval, Allahabad and Cawnpore. The highest temperature in the shade was 105° at Jacobabad and the lowest 61° at Jubbulpore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is more or less cloudy on the Malbar Coast, Ceylon, Nagapatam, Coimbatore, Karwar, Mormugao and Sholapur.

Rain.—Calicut reports about and inch and Cochin, Coimbatore and Colombo light to moderate showers.

Weather.—An extremely small area of abnormally low pressure lies in Ceylon over the greater part of the Madras Presidency and on and off the West Coast to the South of Mormugao where weather is slightly unsettled and rain in local showers is to be expected.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

POONA RACES.

EXTRA DAY, SATURDAY OCTOBER, 8.
ENTRY CLOSED AT 6 P.M., ON TUESDAY, OCT. 4.

The Autumn Plate—Distance 1 mile.

Mr Lakshmi Kantharaj urs' b aus g Gum
Mr W Bass b e m S P 14 1
Mr P B Avasias g aus g Besliman II 14 1 3-4
Mr A W P ch aus g Filzeros
Aga S Shahs b aus g Frestwick
Aga S Shahs br aus m Shotover
Mr Kelso's b aus g Harvest
Mr Kelso's ch e g Childs Guide
Captain Wilson's bl e b Misty
Mr Galstaun's bl aus g Dulcimer
Mr Galstaun's b nth am h Riverside II
Messrs G K and D D's bl aus m Overture

Consolation Plate—Distance 6 furlongs

Mr Locke's b e filly Wood Sorrell (4 yrs)
Mr Thomas br e g Ural
Mr Lakshmi Kantharaj urs b aus g Gum
Mr E C Ramshaw's br aus m Signorena
Mr W Bass br aus g Stoddart (aged)
Mr P B Avasia's g aus g Besliman II 14 1 3-4
Mr A W P's b aus g Fands
Mr A W P's br aus g the Earl
Messrs Moran and McNab's b aus m Epitome
Mr W Moran's b aus g Kingston
Mr Fench's b e m cult Belle
H H Aga Khan's br aus g Beadsman
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus m Catrecwick
Aga S Shah's b aus g Prestwick
Mr R R S's ch aus g Wedieck
Mr Galstaun's b aus g Springlock
Mr B P Roy Chowdhuri's b aus g Fotheringay
Messrs G K and D D's b aus g Roscommon

The Lovers' Handicap—Distance 1 1-4 miles

Major A C Hamilton's ch a h Jack Horner
Mr Abdulla Shamlan's g a h the Emperor 13 3 1-2
Aga S Shah's b a h St Gatien
Mr F M Garda's b a h Narunjee 14
Mr R R S's ch a h Gallant 13 2 3-4
Mr Ali Ben Talib's b a h Connaught
Mr Mustapha Ben Tali's ch a h Faithful
Messrs G K and D D's b a h Talisman

The New Maiden Handicap—Distance 5 furlongs

Mr Nasser Abdulla's g a h Cleverman 13 2 3-4
Mr Abdool Gany's b a h Jan Alum 13 2 3-4
H H Kour Sahib of Patiala's g a h Pencil 13 3 1-2
Mr Preston's g a h Tawakel 13 3
Mr A W P's b a h Hopeful 13 3 3-4
Mr A W P's g a h Random 13 3
Mr Finch's b a m Arab Maid 13 3 1-2
Mr W Moran's g a h Young Gazelle 13 2
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's g a h Calcutta 13 2
Mr S A Wahed's ch a h Dileryung 13 3
Mr A R Sulleman's g a h Cardigan 13 3 1-2
Mr A M Shamlan's g a h False Start 13 3 3-4
Mr A M Shamlan's g a h Zurriff 1 3 2 1-2
Mr Abdool Kadur Hajee's ch a h Sublime 13 2 1-2
Aga S Shah's g a h Swazi 13 2
Mr J Jacob's b a h Chiragh 13 3
Messrs S A Hamid and S A Aziz's g a h Shah Alum 13 2
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Redlips 13 2 1-2
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Saif's g a h Result 13 3 1-2
Mr A M Amer's ch a h Orme 14
Mr Mustapha Bin Talib's g a h Eed 14
Mr Mustapha Bin Talib's g a h Kismut 14
Mr Jaroola Bin Talib's ch a h Nusser
Messrs P Framjee and G H Noormahomed's b a h Superior 13 2 3-4
Mr H B Pike's b a h Bandit II (by wire)
Mr A R Narrcola's b a h Sabig 13 2 3-4

Two races will be given for above

The Small Arab Handicap—Distance 6 furlongs

Mr W H Anderson's g a h Surban 13- 2 1-2
Mr R R S' b a h Rose 13 3
Mr R R S' ch a h Mint 13 3
Mr Artin A Eisayie's g a h Little Joker 13 1 1-2
Mr Artin A Eisayie's b a h Malatar 13 3
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's g a h Farewell 13 2 3-4
Mr S A Waheds b a h Reflector 13 3
Mr A S Oomer's g a h Defiance 13 2
Mr Gustadjee Framjee Ghaswalla's g a h Firdosi 13 2
Mr A M Shamlan's g a h Zurriff 13 2 1-2
Mr Yusuff Yunasee's b a h Yerb's 13 2 1-2
Aga S Shah's b a h Oriental 13 2 1-2
Aga S Shah's g a h Swaze 13 2
Messrs G H S Mahomed and A A Sai's g a h Moorced 13 3
Mr Percy Fischer's ch a h Governor 13 2 3-4
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Roomy 13 2 3-4
Mr Ebrahim bin Talib's g a h Umber 13 3
Mr Nassar Abdoola's g a h Clever Boy 13 2 1-4
Mr Nassar Abdoola's g a h Cleverman 13 2 3-4

The Arab Welter Plate—Distance 6 furlongs

Mr W H Anderson's g a h Surhan 13 2 1-2
Captain Bayford's g a h Aratas 14 0 1-2
Captain Bayford's g a g Borcerer 14 1
Captain Bayford's b a g Hail Fellow 14
Major R P England's b a h Rocket 14
Major F Edward's g a h Kazban 14
Mr Bennie's ch a h Selim 13 2 1-2
Mr Fox's b a h Erhan 13 1 3-4
Mr Maydwell's b a h Bumblepuppy 13 2
Major Stisteets b a h Pounds 13 0 3-4
Major Stisteets ch a h Modesty 13 2-4
Mr S W Websteo's b a h Synodic
Mr E C O Ross g a h Weld Plunger 13 3 1-4
Mr W Oer Paterson's b a h Bikaner 14
Mr W H Andersons ch a h Actor 13

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attack.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	1	0	4
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	4	5	22
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	2	3	18
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi	1	1	9
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagapada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagapada	1	1	16
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	1	0	4
G Mahim and Worli.........	0	0	7
Water Division.........	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown...	0	0	0
Hospitals.........	0	0	12
Total	10	10	92
Total plague deaths to date...	277,050	229,045	
Same date last year	8	9	74

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PUREL PERSONAL.

THE death of Mr. James Lother, says "M. A. P." will affect all who knew him with the deepest regret, but hardly with surprise. Many months ago it was evident to his friends of all parties in the House of Commons—of those later years he had no enemies—that he felt the warning touch of the Angel of Death. The kindly cheers from both sides of the House which greeted him when he broke down in asking a question on his last appearance scarce succeeded in hiding the pathos of the incident. I would like to write something of the contrast between this and the turbulent days of poor "Jimmy" Lowther's Irish Secretaryship—that strangest of all strange appointments made by Disraeli—but time and space alike fail me for the moment. May he rest in peace.

Just at the time of writing, amazement has been created in both City and Society circles by the sudden and dramatic termination—at the very last moment—of the betrothal of Miss Constance Ritchie, daughter of the Lord Mayor, and her sometime "fiance," Mr. McCalman, who has fled from town. Not many instances of broken troth have lately occurred in Society, but here are a few that may be chronicled as almost parallel instances. The present Duke of Manchester was engaged to Miss Joan Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, and the betrothal had been formally announced. But their engagement was broken off, and the lady is now the wife of Mr. Guy Fairfax, a wealthy Yorkshire squire. Then, oddly enough, the same thing befell her cousin the beautiful Miss Muriel Wilson, who was engaged for some weeks to Lord Willoughby de Eresby, eldest son and heir to Lord Ancester. The lady is said to have been reluctant; the engagement came to an unexpected end; and Miss Wilson still retains her maiden liberty.

Lady Alfred Douglas also figured in a broken engagement. As the rich and handsome Miss Custance, she had become engaged to Mr. George Montagu, second heir-presumptive to Lord Sandwhich. Preparations were on foot for the wedding, when the bride made a runaway marriage with Lord Alfred Douglas, whose poems are said to have taken her fancy. Yet another broken engagement was that of Mr. Charles Harris, twin brother and their to Lord Malmesbury, and Lady Muriel Fox-Strangways, only daughter of Lord and Lady Ilchester, who has since that time become Lady Muriel Digby. Some years ago a broken engagement was the cause of a most dramatic incident. Miss Bright, the daughter of Dr. Bright the historian, was engaged to an Oxford don, when another lady intervened, went to the house, asserted her claims, and actually tried to shoot the father of the bride-elect. Miss Bright at once put an end to her engagement.

A contemparary, writing about Lord Dasart's birthday tells (rather with the air of relating something exceptionally noteworthy) how George IV. declined to receive at Court the second Earl's widow who had been re-married to one Mr. Price, except under the style and title of the wife of a commoner. The writer is apparently unaware that this is the invariable rule to-day, and that a Peer's widow—even a Dowager Duchess—who marries a commoner as her second husband, loses "ipso facto" the rank and precedence she derived from her first marriage. Her friends may (and often do) continue to dub her a peeress, but officially, and at Court she is regarded and received as a simple commoner, and nothing more.

Society was a good deal interested and amused, in Coronation year, at hearing of the engagement of a well-known and wealthy Dowager Countess to an agreeable clergyman much her junior. The date of the marriage was especially fixed by the lady for July, in order that she might previously be able to be present at the Coronation in her capacity of an Earl's widow. When, however, that august function was unfortunately postponed, her ladyship insisted that her wedding-day should be deferred also. The reverend bridegroom, however, turned restive at this point, and declared that he must be made happy in july, on the day originally fixed, or not at all.

Here was a dilemma indeed, for lady D——had to choose between losing her right to figure at the Abbey in Countess's coronet and robes and—terrible thought—perhaps losing her promised husband altogether. There was but one way out of the difficulty, and this she boldly adopted—namely, humbly to petition the King, through his Earl Marshal, to allow her, though officially merely rs. W—, to appear, by special favour and exception at the Coronation under the style and title of her first husband. The Earl Marshal proved tender-hearted; His Majesty turned a gracious ear to the fair suppliant. And so it was, after all, as a countess, not as a commoner that she made her appearance at Westminster on the eventful morning of the crowning.

A recent auspicious event in the family of Lord and Lady Dudley has been said to be particularly interesting, as the only example on record of a child being born to a reigning Viceroy of Ireland. The venerable Duchess Dowager of Abercorn, still happily among us, could, if she would, tell another story. Her Grace's father, John, sixth duke of Bedford, was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in the famous "Ministry of all the talents," from February 12th, 1806, to April 10th, 1807, when he resigned with his Government. Two months previous to the latter date a son was born to him, who was christened Charles James Fox, and became himself, forty-six years later, father of Mr. George W. E. Russell, ex-M. P. for North Bucks, some time Under-Secretary of State for India, and the witty and ingenious author, or compiler of collections and Recollections.

The return of Lord Ranfurly from New Zealand, where his popularity caused a general demand for the two years prolongation of his Governorship which has just expired will be welcomed at the flourishing town of Dungarvan, in Tyrone, which is one of the chief centres of the Irish linen trade, and is practically his property. Near it is his fine seat of Northlands, from which his only son and heir (who came of age last year) takes his courtesy title. An amusing blunder was made, by the way, two or three years ago, by some paper, on the occasion of a visit which the Countess of Ranfurly made to this country for a few months. Her return passage to New Zealand was booked on board the P.&O. steamer Himalaya and the journal in question gravely announced that her ladyship was going back to the Antipodes via the Himalayas a rather fatiguing and circuitous route for a lady traveller.

A correspondent, writes from Nottingham, challenging my sentence in reference to Sir Frank Swettenham, that "he knows the Malay more thoroughly than any man living," and making a very pertinent query as to Mr. Hugh Clifford's claims. This is fair criticism. The sentence was a rather hastily-written hyperbole. I should certainly not have omitted to couple with Sir Frank's name that of the author of "In Camp and Kampong."

A prominent and distinguished member of the large Russian colony in Paris (writes my Paris correspondent) has been giving a French interviewer amazing accounts of the magnificent possessions and properties of the Tsar. In all, he is the master of one hundred palaces and chateaux, scattered about all over his vast empire; and each one of them is marvellously furnished and marvellously filled with servants. Something like 35,000 butlers, grooms, footmen, valets, chefs, coachmen, gardeners, etc., etc., are housed in the hundred residences, and their total salaries amount to the enormous sum of 20,000,000 francs, or £800,000. In the many stables are some 5,000 horses, while the heads of cattle may be placed at 50,000; but even the distinguished and well-informed member of the Paris Russian Colony hesitates at stating the number of the inhabitants of the Tsar's kennels, the dogs being entirely innumerable. Naturally, the Tsar is not familiar with all his palaces and chateaux. Out of the hundred, indeed, there are no less than sixty-two upon which he has never set eyes, and which, in all probability, he never will see. But the servants are there, and everything is ever in readiness in case the Tsar should take it into his head to look just once upon his truly magnificent abodes.

It is a voice with which most English visitors to Paris are acquainted; a loud, rather discordant, but impressive voice, which some time ago, used to resound nightly in one of those strange cabarets in that strange region, Montmartre. For years Aristide Bruant, the realistic singer, was the rage. Kings, princes, the elite of France and all countries, used to visit his cabaret, to hear him chant his sinister ditties of low life. The songs were thrilling for Bruant was an artist. Also it was a new experience for his distinguished visitors to hear themselves ridiculed, even insulted. It was a Bruant's original fancy to ridicule and insult his audience. No one resented the thing; everyone, indeed, was amused. And Bruant made a large fortune, and with it retired into the country, to live comfortably in a chateau, and shoot, and drive, and fish.

He kept his place of residence secret, but it has just been discovered by four Parisian aristocrats—a duke, a marquis and two counts—who have been touring the country together in a motor-car. One day they came upon a picturesque village church, and descended and entered it, just at the moment of high mass. Only a few peasants were present, and the automobilists were about to leave when they heard a voice they knew, singing to the accompaniment of the modest harmonium. Said the duke, "I know that voice." His friends knew it also, but could not identify it. So they waited to see the singer come out after the service was over, and beheld Aristide Bruant. Instead of his velvet corduroys and vivid red waistcoat and wristband, Bruant was attired quietly in black. Every Sunday, and also in the week, he is to found beside that harmonium. The cure of the hamlet in his friend. Truely, an amazing transition! From the stifling, noisy, very risky, atmosphere of a Montmartre cabaret, to the calm-cool, sacred atmosphere of a village church.



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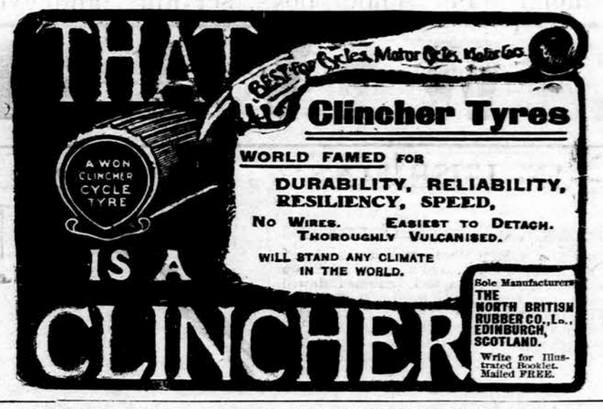
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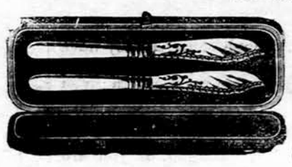
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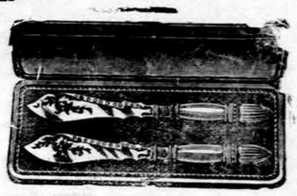


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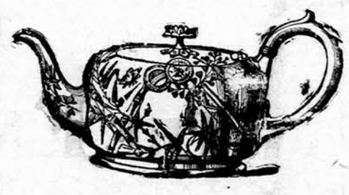


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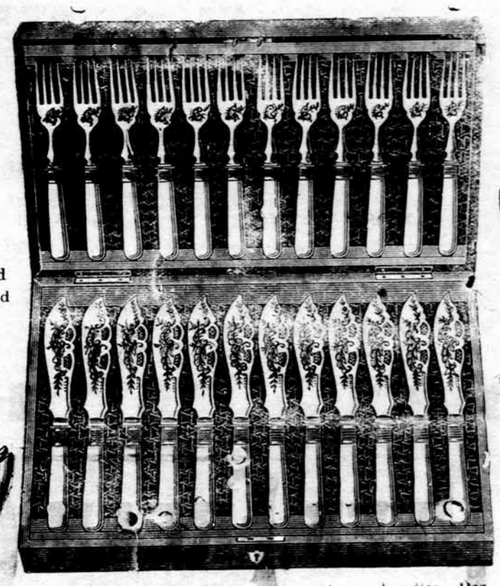




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